£534m trade deficit is worst ever

Britain's visible trade deficit in November was deterioration occurred in spite of a drop in the £534m, the largest monthly deficit ever recorded Department of Trade figures show that the jumped by £50m.

deficit on oil and oil products. The value of and £99m higher than the October total. exports fell by £49m last month, while imports

Blow to Government's economic policy

By Melvyn Westlake Economics Staff

A dramatic deterioration in A dramatic deterioration in Britain's overseas trade position last month bas dealt a serious blow to the Government's economic policy. At £534m, the visible trade deficit in November was the largest ever recorded io a single mooth, and £99m worse than in October. Official figures released by the Department of Trade yesterday show that this deterioration occurred in spite of a drop in

occurred in spite of a drop in the deficit on oil and oil pro-

On the international ex-changes the rate for sterling again fell heavily, although nuch of the selling appeared to take place about lunch-time io expectation of the trade news.

The pound fell a further ceot against the dollar, to \$2.3075.

Its effective depreciation against key curreocies, compared

10 key currencies, compared with three years ago, worsened sharply to 21.9 per cent, the weakest level ever, from 21.4-per cent on Wednesday evening.

November was the third consecutive month in which the visible trade deficit has worsened. The value of exports fell last month by 5.49m tu 81,297m, compared with October, while imports jumped 550m to 51,831m.

After allowance has been made for an estimated £130m simplus on iovisible earnings, that is, trade in services, transfers, and profits, loterest and dividends, the November current account deficit comes out at £404m, against £305m for the previous month.

The sharp rise io Britain's import bill in November appears to he mainly explained by the delivery of three large aircraft to British Airways and unusually bigh imports of ships. However, the trade figures cannot be other than a big dis not be other than a big disappointment to the Govern-

Sioce the summer there have been signs that the non-oll deficit was beginning to wideo again after the promising improvement of earlier months. The latest con-oil deficit is the largest for a year.

largest for a year.

There was, in fact, a fall from £330m to £30701 on Britain's oil deficit. Over the past three mouths, imports of oil have fallen on average by about 3 per cent, while imports of other goods, particularly chemicals, machinery and cars, rose 2 per cent. More worrying, however, has been the stagnation in exports, which showed no growth during which showed no growth during the three mouths

result of a marked increase in export prices. There seems to have been a decline in the real volume of goods sold ovarseas.

Whether that is a sign that British exports are becoming uncompetitive in international markets or just the result of a markets or just the result or a geoeral contraction in world trade will take time to emerge. But the recent decline in the value of the pound should help to improve British compelitive-ness, by making goods cheaper io terms of foreign currencies.

Por that reason it is believed that a further gradual and contained fall in the sterling rate would not be unwelcome to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

However, the threat of aggravating the external position will be a big constraint on the Chancellor in any action be may like to take to reflate the may like to take to reliate the economy and halt the predicted rise in the level of unemployment. Any such action runs the risk not only of fuelling inflation but of sucking in imports and pushing the country's overseas trade position ever more decely into the red deeply into the red.

It now seems almost certain the stagnation in exports, this the total current account deficit for 1974 will be about 23,800m, the largest annual deficit ever, by a very large margin.

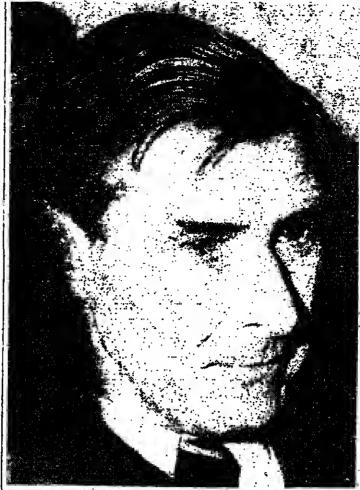
been successful so far in en-couraging the Arab countries to invest their oil surpluses in Britaio and thereby belp to finance the current account defi-cit, there is always the danger that a serious deterioration in the trade position could lead to a tuit le .. uf confidence in the British economy and a flight from sterling.

The recent estimate by the National Institute of Economic and Social Research that inflation in Britain may reach 25 per cent next year has led 10 a good deal of concern, while fears of a clash between the Govern-ment and the miners' union has further compounded these wor-ries in recent days. There has been much specularion in the City that there will soon have to be a fresh rise in domestic interest rates to attract

a cootinning flow of Middle East funds into London. Such a move would on doubt be resisted as long as possible because of its wide political implications. The fall in interest rates in

other countries in recent weeks has so far enabled Britain to avoid that choice and to reduce domestic rates slightly.

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Mr McGahey (left) after yesterday's meeting; and Mr Gornley addressing a press conference

Moderate miners defeat attack by left wing precedent, Mr Gormley ruled union will now meet the

Labour Editor
The social contract yesterday survived a determined
assault by left-wing miners'
leaders after Mr Joseph Gorm-

leaders after Mr Joseph Gormley, the mineworkers' president, left his sick bed to overturn a ruling by the communist vice-president. Mr Michael McGahey, that tied the union to a militant wage demand. The day-long political drama began when the executive of the National Union of Mineworkers were bitterly divided over their negotiating team's recommendation to pursue a package claim for £30 a week across the board for 270,000 minera. It came to a bead with a walkout by 12 moderates, who protested at Mr McGahey's refusal to count six votes cast refusal to count six votes cast against militancy, and eoded when Mr Gormley beat off a challenge to his constitutional authority and set the union back on a moderate course. Brushing aside the miceties of-

that members of the executive were free to vote according to their conscience rather than in time with majority decisions of subcommittees on which they

On the casting vote of Mr McGabey, the negotiating con-outtee opted seven to six three days ago for the militant claim, and while taking the chair be-cause of Mr Gormley's absence he ruled yesterday that six moderates present at that mechanic could not vote against the ing could not vote against the committee's recommendation.

The doctrine of collective committee responsibility has lieco observed as custom and practice on the NUM executive. and it was supported by Mr. Gormley in the past. But such was the intensity of political feeling that the president broke with previous practice and ordered a free vote. The result was a 14-12 rejection of the £30a-week recommendation.
National officials of

for exploratory talks un a claim for unspecified "substantial" increases, and the outcome will be considered at a special executive meeting the day after. Mr Gormley, who with his political rival, hir McGahey, will repre-sent the NUM, declined to discass figures yesterday, although he did say during the meeting that the face worker at present on £45 u week was worth £100. That, of course, will nur be the claim.

Pressure brought to bear on the NUM to addere to the voluntary wage restraint guide-lines in the sociol contract from the TUC economic committee and from Mr Feot, Secretary of State for Employment, was clearly a strong motivating fac-tor in vesterday's decision. Mr Gormley said after it was all over: "I want the NUM to be seed as far as possible to be

ment to provide for thise who may be worse off that us, and the problems factor Britain. I do not want the NUM to be the nigger in the woodpile, because the NUM happens to be a very big nigger. That is not the best way for socialists to react to a Labour government. The country is in a hell of a mess. If we don't realize that we could be in the catastrophe like everybody else. We would be damied foolish.

"I think there is a lot within the social contract that will allow miners to get substantial increases and still not be in conflict with what the TUC or the Minister of Employment says. I think there is sufficient room, if we use it, to get a good deal for miners. This was a vote for common sense,"-

Ne ballot rigging, page 2

for cheap sugar runs into snags

From Our Own Correspondent

The European Community's cheme to provide British nousewives with relatively cheap sugar has run into difficulties. The European Cummissioo,

which last week opened tenders for traders to buy up to 200,000 inns of sugar on the world market, has furued down all the offers it has received so far because the bids were considered to be too high.

Under the scheme, traders purchase at high world market prices and the Community subsidizes the price down to an EEC level of abont £160 a ton. At the same time, to keep down the costs of the operation, truders sell part of next year's EEC crop on the futures mar-

Commission officials blame the fullure of the first stage of the scheme on the fact that forward sales have proved difficult during the closure of the Paris sugar market. They also suspect that traders may hove been submitting optimistically high tenders in the hope that the Commission is so desperate to make the scheme work that it

will pay exaggerated prices.

The efficials are fairly confident that with the resumption of logar trading in Paris next week, subsequent tenders will be more successful.

Meanwhile, the European Community is planning to sell 100,000 tons of its milk surplus at cut-rate prices to the developing wurld. Under proposals announced by the European Com-nissing today, the Community would sell skimmed milk powder at a price of about £200 a ton, contoared with a world price uf

about £350 a ton. Jur Agricultural Correspondent rites: Ministers from caneroducing countries yesterday rejected a proposal from the British Government that Eurupean sugar users shund pay \$200 a ton for raw sugar next year. At the same time, British cane refiners made it clear that they were reluctant to reduce their claims for Community sub-sidies after rejection of their first tender by the EEC Comwere reluctant to reduce

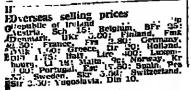
mission.
Mr Percival Patterson, Jamaican Minister of Porcign Trade and spokesman for 25 cane-pro-ducing countries in the Africa ducing countries in the Arrica Caribbean/Pacific group, said after a meeting with Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture: "We are not bere to extort but we are not here to be exploited."

He said that the 25 countries had unanimously rejected EEC

sugar pricing policy as a basis for negotiation about 1,400,000 tons of sugar for which access to the Community bad been guaranteed. They wanted a price that took account of world market changes. The present world market price of raw sugar is more than £450 a tons of sugar for which access ton, compared with an EEC internal price of less than £180.

Prisoner escapes

A sourch was being made last nights for a Dartmoor prisouer whu escaped from bis escort waile at Mount Gold Hospital, Plymouth. Geoffrey Jobu Asli-ford, aged 24, was serving five trears for burglary, robbery and r ssault on the police.



EEC scheme Rhodesia constitutional conference in London forecast for next year

From Our Correspondent Lusaka, Dec 12

A conference on the Rhodesian constitutional problem is expected here to take place io London early next year, prob-ably in February. An announce-ment is likely in the next few

days.

A statement issued by the African National Council, now the sole Rhodesian nationalist the sole Rhodesian nationalist movement, said today: "Without precondition on both sides we are ready to enter into immediate and meaningful negotiations with the leaders of the Rhodesian Front and with the British Government in Britain on the steps to be taken to achieve independence on the basis of majority rule."

The statement signed by the four main leaders, Bishop Abel

Muzorewa, Mr Josbua Nkomo, the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole and Mr James Chikerema, says that as a demonstration of their sin-cerity "all freedom fighters will be instructed, as son as a date for peropisions has been date for negotiations has been fixed, to suspend fighting".

fixed, to suspend fighting."

[Bishop Mazorewa later clarified this statement, according to news agency reports, saying it bad been drawn up before a statement from Mr Smith saying he had been assured the fighting would stop immediately. In other words, there is no contradiction. The position has been resolved and the question of the ceasefire with it," ho said.

of jubilation from a crowd of several thousand Michael Knipe writes from Salisbury: A jubilant crowd greeted the three men when they appeared in Highfield, Salisbury's African township.

The crowd of about 2,000 thronged round the men and Mr Sithole, leader of the Zimhabwe African National Union, was picked up and carried shoulder high. Mr Nkomo, leader of the Zimbabwe African Peoples Union, remained on his feet but received an equally emhusiastic reception.

The two men, receutly re-

The two men, recently released from jail, were well
dressed in lounge suits and
looking healthy and alert
South African reaction and text
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Gas prices go up next month by 12 per cent highest, to about 15 to 16 per

Energy Correspondent
Gas prices for domestic users will rise by an average of about 12 per ceot in the new year, the British Gas Corporation announced yesterday. The Price Commission has approved its application for rises, which vary through the 12 regions.

The higher gas prices will be followed by increases in electricity prices. A 6 per cent increase to compensate for bigger power station fuel bills is on the way and a further 20 per cent application is being formulated to return the indus-try to the black. Both rises are part of the Government's campaign to curb energy consump-tion by ensuring that realistic prices are charged and subsidies in the nationalized industries

British Gas said vesterday that lie increases will vary from 7 to 8 per cent in Scotland and

cent in the Midlaods, which bas enjoyed low tariffs.

The increases take effect from the first meter readings after January 1. They are necessary, the corporation said, because of bigher wages and salaries, and increased costs of raw materials and supplies. Changes will be made in the tariffs for coin meters with consumers of small amounts of gas paying less and large consumers more. The corporation said the latter would benefit from the installation of credit

Tariffs will be simplified, making it easier for customers to change from one tariff to another. Gas prices to non-domestic users were increased

The new increases will add

Licensing curb over

The Ministry of Agriculture said last night that movements of pigs in England and Wales would be allowed only by licence from midpight tonight, after renewed outbreaks of swine vesicular disease.

hreaks have been confirmed, incluping five yesterday in Wilt-shire, Cumbria and the Midlands. Almost 180,000 pigs bave disease was first confirmed in

Farm wage clash : Farmworkers' leaders seeking a £35 minimum wage left a meeting of the Agri-

Universities to get an extra £15m

Education Correspondent

Universities are to get an extra £15m to meet the rising costs of inflation, Mr Preficie, Secretary of State for Education.

special meeting with Mr Pren-tice to discuss the memorandum which the vice-chancellors said they needed an increased grant of £24m this year to meet the costs of universities' running expensés.

The universities started the academic year 1974-75 with a recurrent grant of £370m. They were about £40m worse off than they should bave been because the Government did not pay the usual supplementary grant to compensate for inflation. In July Mr Prentice was able to give universities an extra £4m. So assuming an inflation rate of about 20 per cent the universities are with the latest grant about £21m worse off than they

might bave expected.

Mr Prentice told the Commons that in due course he would announce new levels of university grants for the acad-emic years 1975-77. But be added ominously that the new levels would take into account Florence.

the fact that the number of students going to university has not risen as rapidly as was ex-pected when the quinquennium began in 1972, ...

Secretary of State for Education Mr. Laurie Sapper, general and Science, aunounced to the secretary of the Association of University Teachers, said he was still very worried about the situation, although the grant would go some way towards meeting the universities' difficulties. He mittee of Vice-Chancellors to a . said : "There are still more than government minister. Last week a thousand posts now left unthe committee's leaders had a filled in the university sector, and there is no evidence that the numbers of students will be significantly less."

Professor Arthur Armitage, chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors, said: "This sum will obviously belp universities in their grave situation. tion of substantial economies."

He also welcomed the Government's intention to announce the levels of grant for the next two academic years soon. The universities were already receiving students for 1975, he said, and the announcement of future plete the financial picture essential for planning ahead until the end of the present quinquen-

Mr Prentice also told the Commons that the United King-dom intended to accede to the convention establishing a European University Institute for 500 postgraduate students in

Upset stomach halts Wilson engagements

By Penny Symon .

stomach upset and bas been

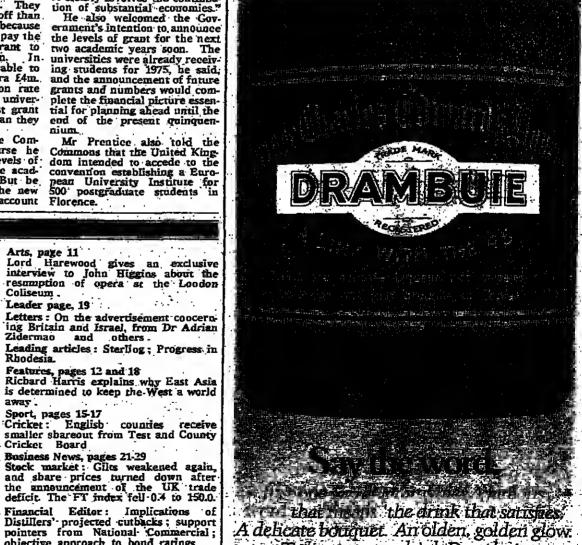
Mr Wilson was to have made a statement in the Commons yesterday on the EEC summit the communique issued at the mons questions were taken by Mr Short, deputy leader of the Labour Party.

"The Prime Minister has a minor vital infection which has caused an upset stomach", a

The Prime Minister has a vesterday. Mr Wilson was to have met representatives from stomach upset and has been the TUC General Council about advised by his doctor to cancel the Shrewsbury pickets, and to all eogagements for the next have attended a dinner for three days, is was annuunced voluntary, organizations last from 10 Downing Street yester and the total engagements day. bave been nostnoned.

meeting in Paris earlier this end of the Paris EEC summit week, and that has been post-poned until Monday. His Com-day. Some left-wing Labour MPs bad hoped to press questions about it on Mr Wilson at a meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party at the House last night.

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been slaughtered, costing farmers more than £5m, since the Britain two years ago.

Io the past month 31 out-

cultural Wages Board last night determined to obstruct confirmathe increases will vary from 7 to about 595m to revenue, but are to not a new £27.80 minimum south-west England, where British Gas, which made a tariffs have ben traditionally £41m loss last year, to a profit.

Engineers call for prompt

and big rises

Leaders of the engineering unious, representing about 2,500,000 workers, vesterday agreed to seek an increase of ut least £8 a week ou basic rates, and to insist on a quick settlement. Some union leaders are said to believe that an increase of £18, to bring the weekly basic rate to £50, would be more appropriate. Mr Hugh Scanlon is expected to lead the unions in their talks with the employers Page 4

Israel planes attack Palestinian camp

Israel jets yesterday raided a Palestinian camp in Beirut. This followed a bomb attack by a Palestinian terrorist in a attack by a Faistman letters. In Tel Aviv circuma, in which one of the two persons killed was British. An Israel aircraft also attacked fishing boats in the Lebanese port of Sarafand. Page 8

EEC budget altered The European Parliament yesterday

The European Parliament yesterday asserted for their first time its new legislative power to change the EEC budget. British Conservative MPs, returning hurriedly from the Commons, helped to carry the first vote against the Council of Ministers by 110 to nil. with one abstention



Frankie Howerd, the comedian, raised a smile with the Duchess of Kent at a Christmas party for the "Not For-gotten" Association for disabled ex-Servicemen yesterday.

Nato discusses oil

Economic problems dominated the sixmonthly meeting of the Nato Ministerial Council in Brussels yesterday. The differences between the French and the Americans on energy were also dis-cussed. Dr Kissinger once again cophasized the importance of oil conumer solidarity.

Cowdrey in Test 12

Colin Cowdrey is among 12 players from whom England will choose their team for the second Test match against Australia starting at Perth today. Amiss, Edrich, Lever and Hendrick were ruled out by illness or injury. Page 16

Bonn's economic precautions

A series of measures aimed at expanding the economy without increasing inflation, and countering a further weakening of general economic activity, were announced yesterday by the West German Government after two days of Cabioet meetings.

Among the measures is a boost of DM1,130m (about £198m) for industrial investment and DM600m (about £105m) to counter unemployment lournalists' strike called: The National

Unioo of Journalists has recommended 8,000 provincial journalists to strike from January 1 to back a pay claim 2 Language experiment: Teaching French at primary-school age is of no real advantage, stody of 11-year oanooal trials decides 6

theft was quashed by the Court of Appeal because be pleaded guilty under Law Report 12 pressure. Men's oral contraceptive: Hormones olready in use to treat bone disorders have induced reversible sterility with

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Science Report 16 scieotists say Saudi assurance: Mr Healey is believed to have been given assurances that there has been no change in Saudi Arabian investment policy Watches: A two-page Special Report on the industry, with ideas for Christ-

mas presents

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Union strike call to 8,000 journalists on provincial papers

By Alan Hamilton Lebour Staff Leaders of the National Union of Journalists are recommend-ing their 8,000 members in pro-vincial newspapers to take strike action from January 1, after this week's breakdown of

conciliation efforts in the jour-The decision on whether to call an all-out stoppage on local daily and weekly papers will be taken by union members at office branch meeting.

office branch meetings next week. It will be the second time in recent weeks that the NUJ's provincial members have dis-cussed possible strike action over the claim; last time the proposal was defeated by only narrow majority. Last mouth the union staged

a campaign of working to rule and "hlacking" of all news-paper copy not written by union members. The action led to the dismissal of 67 journalists in two newspapers, the Kentish Times and the Slough Evening Mail, and consequent sympathy strikes hy journalists in the London region.

The NUJ is seeking a basic weekly rate of £51.18 for all

weekly rate of £51.18 for all senior journalists on provincial newspapers, which would require increases of between £7.50 and £13.31 oo present basic rates. The Newspaper Society, which represents the provincial newspaper managements, has made what it describes as a "final" across-the-board offer of an extra £7.

Efforts by the Department of Employment's Conciliation and Arbitration Service to settle the oispute at a meeting with both

oispute at a meeting with both sides on Wednesday failed Mr Eric Blott, the NUJ's deputy general secretary, said yesterday that during the conciliation talks the employers had refused to move their position, while the union bad been prepared to reduce its claim to allow the dispute to

be settled.

"Faced with this intransi-gence, the union is left with no other course open to it than to

ship with an executive council recommendation to take strike action from January 1" Mr

Blott said. The Newspaper Society has said that its members could not afford to meet the NUFs claim in full.

in full.

In Fleet Street, where key printing workers of the National Graphical Association are threatening disruption, all national newspapers appeared normally yesterday morning.
But NGA representatives from
each national newspaper printing plant met at their union's
Loodon office yesterday after-

noon to discuss tactics. After the failure of peace talks with the Newspaper Publishers Association over the NGA claim for the restoration of differentials, the NGA has dacided to go ahead with a campaign of disruptive industrial action, although it has stopped short of calling a strike The union's exact battle plans are being kept a closely guarded secret, but it is helieved that the first papers to suffer will be those in the strongest financial position.

In another dispute involving the NGA, that at the Odhams printing plant at Watford, the committee of inquiry set up in Angust by Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, yesterday published its find-

ings. The The inter-union dispute between the NGA and the Society of Lithographic Artists, Designers, Engravers and Process Workers was over which union should operate new photo-typesetting machinery at the plant.

The report says that the two unions should get together to work out a specific formula, not only to end the present dis-pute but to cover any future introduction of technological innovations at the Odhams plant. Some modification of traditional distinctions between printing unions must he made

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craft's winch-wire. The Prince was later ted with a desk set at : mony on the station apro-Lieutenart- Commande Voute, the commanding of said that during his months at the station the had completed 105 flying in 45 days, "quite a hard

his personal banoer from

There was a cheer will said: "You will be oe to hear that Prince Char

Two charged Church peace team waits in hope with killing at Woolwich The result of the melocratic Nnionists said Dr Butler had added credibility to the Rev Eric Gallagher,

Two men were remanded in

cusmdy at Guildford Magis-trates' Court yesterday, charged with murder arising from the bombing of the King's Arms public house, Woolwick, last

An hour earlier Paul Michael An hour earlier Paul Alichzei. Hill, aged 20, and Patrick Joseph Armstrong, aged 24, had been charged at Guildford police station. Both were already in custody accused with others of the murder of Miss Caroline Slater, aged 18, one of the five who died in the Guildford bomb-

women appeared, charged with murdering Miss Slater. All the defendants were remanded in custody until Mon-

Later four men and two

dramatic and unprecedented secret meeting between Pro-testant courch leaders and senior members of the Provisional IRA remained in doubt last night. The Church of Ireland Bishop of Connor Dr. Butler, and his colleagues waited for a formal reply to their request for a ceasefire in Northern Ireland.

Mr. David O'Connell the IRA

Mr David O'Connell, the IRA leader, Mr Seamus Twomey, the former Belfast brigade com-mander, and Mr Kevin Mallon, one of the Provisionals' most commanders valued were at the meeting last

Tnesday. They apparently said little and disappeared swiftly when the Irish police raided the

The churchmen, who said they did not know the identity of the IRA men, were optimistic yesterday. Their initiative was taken as a prelude to a joint peace campaign supported by the main Protestant and Roman Carholic churches, which began yesterday. It was clear that they

had added credibility to the Provisionals. The Vanguard Party said be would have spent his time better io persuading the British Government to smash the IRA.

The meeting was held at the church leaders request. They sought only to speak to provisional Sinn Fain representatives, and the sudden appearance of the IRA leaders took them by

Even more disturbing as they sat at Smyth's Hotel, in the village of Feakle, co Clare, must have been the sudden arrival of up to a hundred Irish police.

men.
Mr Seamus Loughran, a Sinn Fein member from Belfast and former internee, said they burst unannounced into the building to find Mr Rory O'Brady (Ruari O'Bradaigh), the president of Sinn Fein, sitting beside a fire reading an IRA newspaper. Mr Loughran himself was asleep in a chair. The churchmen were discussing their meeting else-

Geoeral Assembly of the terian Church in Irelan Rev Eric Gallagher, president of the Me Church in Ireland; it Ralph Banter, secretary Irish Council of Church Rev Willam Arlow, secretary of the Irish of Churchs; Dr. Harry secretary of the Irish
of Churches; Dr Harry;
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of Churches; the Rig'
Arthur McArthur, Model
the United Reformed Ch
Eogland; and Mr
Worral, chairman of the
Ulster Movement.
The Rev William Beat
Paicler's deputy, and a r

Paisley's deputy and a r of the Free Church, said of the fast that "their folly we be be understood by all, f by bindered the oattle the men of violence ".

Mr Ernest Baird, the guard deputy leader, do the meeting as "the ! act of betraval sioce the of Terence O'Neill". The Roman Catholic

was oot involved to the It appears that Cardinal was not told in advance.

Bomb thrown at military club held 'shrapnel'

Bomb squad officers con-Eemb squad officers confirmed yesterday that the bomh thrown into the Naval and Military Club on Wednesday night contained shrapnel-like elements which made the escape of the seven people in the bar at the time "quite remarkable". They believe the explosion was the signal for a gamman, probably armed with am automatic weapon, to fire at the

matic weapon, to fire at the Cavairy Club, 80 yards away, from Green Park. Commander Robert Huntley, head of the squad, warned the public not to sion because of the dangers of a possible second bomb and "back-up" guimen.

The two bombers were des-cribed as 5ft 7in to 5ft 8in in height and in their mid-twenties. Police officers investigating the explosion in Bath on Monday are seeking a man and woman seen in a white Cortina The man, aged about 20, and 6ft tall, is clean-shaven, with sideboards and dark eyebrows meeting over his nose. He was wearing dark blue flared corduroy trousers and a brown and white tartan jacket. The woman, aged about 24, had long sandy-coloured hair.

The police last night were satisfied that an explosion near a pillar box in St Marylebone, London, in which a policeman was slightly injured, was caused by a fault in an electrical junc-

Pit ballot not rigged, but report urges reform

By Our Labour Editor

An internal investigation into alleged irregularities in the recent miners' ballot over a productivity scheme has con-cluded that there was no ballot-rigging hut that there are grounds for tightening the procedure.

The report of the inquiry committee set up to examine the disqualification of 11,400 votes was accepted by the miners' national executive yesterder. terday. It will now he sent to the Electoral Reform Society, at every hranch.

its verdict.

The union bopes that the disqualified votes, from 19 South Wales pits and three branches of the Scottish craftsmen's area, will now be counted in the final calculation of the ballot, which went heavily against acceptance

of the National Coal productivity scheme. The Committee's chi

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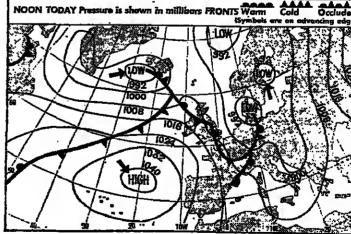
Correction

Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent, South, bas oot suggested, as was stated yesterday suggested, as was stated yesterday in an agency report, that The Sunday Times should be allowed to publish an article on the thalidomide controversy even though to do so might be breaking the law. What Mr Ashley did suggest, in a letter to Mr Samuel Silkin, the Attorney General, was that if The Sunday Times applied for removal of an injunction preventing them from publishing the article, Mr Silkin should take no steps to oppose it.

Construction worl urged to accept 25'

The executive of the of Construction and Trades and Technicians represents a quarter construction industry's strong labour force, deciterday to recommend ance of a £475m two-si offer which will raise e by about a quarter. The concession from employs proposed cost-of-living th clause in the offer.

Weather forecast and recordings



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or fresh; max temp 9°C
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Outlook for compress at

Outlook for tomorrow at day: Dull, rain or drizzle becoming brighter end sh mild in S, rather cold in N.

NOON TODAY

Sun rises : 7.58 am Moon rises :

Moon sets:

High water: London Bridge 1.12 am, 6.8m (22.4ft); 1.33 pm, 6.8m (22.4ft); 1.33 pm, 6.8m (22.4ft). Avonmouth 6.44 am, 12.7m (41.7ft); 7.5 pm, 12.7m (41.7ft). Dover 10.37 am, 6.3m (20.8ft); 10.59 pm, 6.5m (21.2ft). Hull 5.35 am, 6.9m (22.7ft); 5.52 pm, 7.1m (23.2ft), Liverpool 10.45 am, 8.5m (28.0ft); 11.8 pm, 8.3m (27.2ft).

Suo sets: midnight.
3.52 pm Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

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Pressure will remain high to the SW and low to the N of the British Isles. A trough of low pressure or sleet spreading from W during

Yesterday

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New moon: 4.25 pm

Lighting up : 4.22 pm to 7.29 am

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sl, sleet; sn, snow.

eport on method of ecting Tory chief pes to Mr Heath

Heath has received the t from the committee lic p under the chairmanship ir Alec Douglas-Home to der the processes under the Conservative Party its leader. Copies of the twill be sent to the count parts of the party next and it is likely that it will abished early in the neek, hough it is Taintained that Inmate decision will rest the leader personally, and true that the existing u was established by Sir personally, though on the of advice, when he was the purliamentary party ring it for granted that will be an election in the

mouths of the new year. Heath's present intention Heath's present intention that he will that be applied to the control of the cont t with the expected recom-ation that there should be lic elections, or reelections e leadership. that is not the only matter

immittee has had to cun-The first and most impors the composition of the ral college. At present that fined to members of the mentary party but there sen pressure to extend it nserrative peers and 10 s of the party in the coun-Sur a number of peers size the difficulties en widely suggested, be are hed. But it is questioned mind.

wbether it would be an effective way of consulting the party in the country to give a few area chairmen a single vote each in the same way as any Conservative MP.

Eren if all the area chairmen vuted together they could courvited together they could countiand an inner than a very small bluck of votes in such an election. It might be better it is argued, simply to allow the party in the country to exercise its influence with MPs, and it would be no surprise if the present electoral college is left undisturbed.

Another question is whether it should still be possible for a new candidate to emerge in the second ballor if he had not stood in the first. That is permitted now and could be of more than accordance in the property in the more than academic importance for Mr Whitelaws chances.

for Mr Whitelaws chances.

He has consistently maintained that he woold not stand against Mr Heath. But if Mr Heath were to do badly in a first ballot it is always possible that he might then leave the field clear to Mr Whitelaw in the second. the second.

Among Mr Heath's challengers, support has been gathering fur Mr Edirard du Cann, the chairman of the 1922 Committee. Mr du Cann bas also insisted publicly and privately that he will nut be a candidate. But a number of Conservative MPs, particularly among the younger members, are huping he will change his

Motorway contract allegations denied

By a Staff Reporter

Allegations by a former motorway engineer that up to fin of public money was overpaid on a Gluucestershire motorway contract were denied last uight by the supervising engi-uers and the contractors.

An independent new survey of the quantities measured as

the work went on has been com-missioned by the Department of the Euvironment.

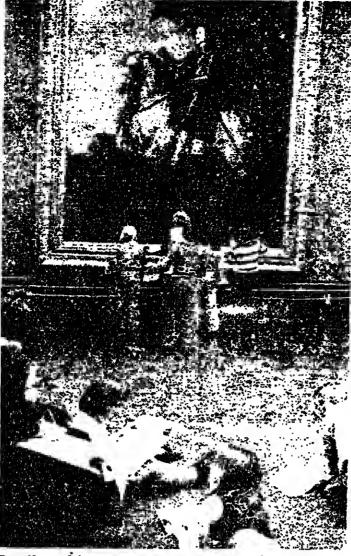
Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Con-servative MP for Gloucester, said last night that she was not satisfied with the progress uf an inquiry into the delay in investigating complaints by the engineer, Mr Neil James.

Mr lames said yesterday that the £450,000 referred to in his original allegations cuvered only

a section of the works: "As much as a fire could be inrolved."

The mutorway contract concerned was based on a tender of £11m. Supervised by Free-man. Fox and Partners, consulting engineers it was carried out by a coosortium including Cementation Construction Ltd and Leonard Fairclough Ltd.

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Sir Ralph Freeman, senior partier of Freeman, Fox, said last night: "The allegations referred to can be taken to impugn our professional integrity.
Mr Victur Matthews, managing director of Trafalgar Hopse Investments, which owns Cementation, said he did not think any excessive profit had think any excessive profit had been made ou the contract.



Pupils taking part yesterday in the National Gallery's first holiday "event" for children. dred patients.

Charolais bulls with eye defect not to get breeding licence

By a Staff Reporter
The British Veterinary
Association has decided not to icense Charolais bulls for frum an hereditary and con- affected. genital eye defeat called

The decision will cause conthe big white cattel were first imported from France a decade ago, they have been one of the most successful breeds for beef and for cross-breeding. No favor and for cross-breeding. No fewer than 12 of the 16 catale that won championships at Smithfield, in-cluding the supreme champinn, Charolais or Charolais crosses.

A survey by Dr Keith Barnet

Coloboma is a congenital fissure in the eye, which may extend to the head of the optic

formation or breeding capacity. The British take the view that bad eyesight makes a boll dangerous to haodle, and must be bad for its temperament. Under the Bull Licensing

of Cambridge University, one of Scheme introduced by the Act it is prudem to set about stamp-the world's great experts in of 1931, no animal with an ing out the defect note.

diseases of animals' eyes, has hereditary defect can be used shown that the Charolais herd for breeding. A reterinary in Britain is saturated with surgeon sizes a occlaration that coloboma; 30 per cent of the in his professional opinion the breeding if they are suffering cattle he examined were bull to be licensed is not of frum an hereditary god con-affected. tion, that it is not likely to beget defective or inferior progeny, and that it is not suffering from any hereditary defect or disease. Until 1972 the licensing in-spection was done by livestock

officers of the Ministry of Agriculture. In that year veterinarians started to do it, and for the first time bull's eyes were miontely inspected. Colobonia, except in its must able except by opbthalmoscope.
The British Veterinary Association have decided that

Many big mental hospitals at fault

By John Roper Medical Reporter

More than a third of Britain's larger mental hospitals arere below minimum starf standards in 1972, the year hospital authorities were asked to improve the situation by the end of this year, a government report says

That was in spite of an increase over the pervious decade of about 60 per cent in psychiatric consultants for every 100,000 population, and a doubling of medical, ward and domestic staff for every hun-

The Department of Health the mentally handicapped, said last night that 1973 returns showed that fewer hospitals dard and 30 below standard nnw were below the minimum standard set in 1972.

The report, a statistical survey of mental huspitals and huspitals for the mentally bandicapped in 1972, shows the pressure under which they operate, for 115 mental hospitals with 200 or more beds, 40 came helpsy minimum stan-dards of staffing and 26 helpsy on staffing and patients' amenings. In 30 hospitals half amenities. In 30 hospitals half the patients were without a personal locker.

Of the 74 larger haspitals for Wales, Standary Office, 11.20.

were below minimum staff stan-dard and 30 below standard on staff and patients' amenines. The report says that the number of patients in mental hospitals for every 1,000 uf the population had fallen by a quarter since 1964 but the admission rate had increased by almost an eighth. The extension of the sage of th almost on eighth. The rate since 1966 for day patients half doubled and that for new unipatients had increased by &

all for delay on Bill fecting editors

· Parliamentary Staff Government would have e a more conciliatory wards newspaper editors the difficulties they i a closed shop posed for edom of the press. Mr opposition spokesman on

oent, said yesterday. prealed to the Goverothe Commons standing see on the Trade Union Pour Relations (Amendill to delay proceedings Bill notil after the as recess to enable furdiscussions between ed parties of the sug-put forward by the

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proposals had onsidered in an importhe editor of Mr Alastair ogion, io which he gave I welcome to the idea, ward by the NUJ, of a welcome to the idea, ward by the NUI, of a clause for closed shop sots. He went on to say would be occessary to he institute of Journa, o the consultatioos and ame nine write into the oc of the requirements of the requirements of the requirements of the requirements.

looth, Minister of State lloyotent, said Mr Prior's to delay proceedings d to be based largely on nceprioo that the NUJ oposiog that a model should be drafted which wernment could write

NUJ proposal was that bould begin with inter-bodies, including the per Publisbers Associa-i the Guild of Newspaper , m draw up a model which could be incorin any agreement between the NU, and

It would be singularly in-appropriate to delay the com-mittee. The Government had already bad long and detailed discussions on that. There was nothing in the Bill that would inhibit disussions between the interested parties. Delaying the Bill might have an inhibiting

effect oo the discussions.

The committee went on to discuss an amendment that would bave effect of retaining the safeguards introduced in the Trade Union and Relations Bill in the last Parliament regarding the rights of workers in relation to arbitrary or unreasonable exclusion or expulsion from trade unious. The Government proposes to repeal those provisions in the amending Bill.

Mr Hayboe, ao Oppositioo spokesman on employmeot, said it was essential there should be some legislative safeguard in addition to the proposed action e suggestions, he said, of the TUC to set up au inde-elp in solving the serious pendent review body to deal arising between editors with complaints over expulsion or exclusion.

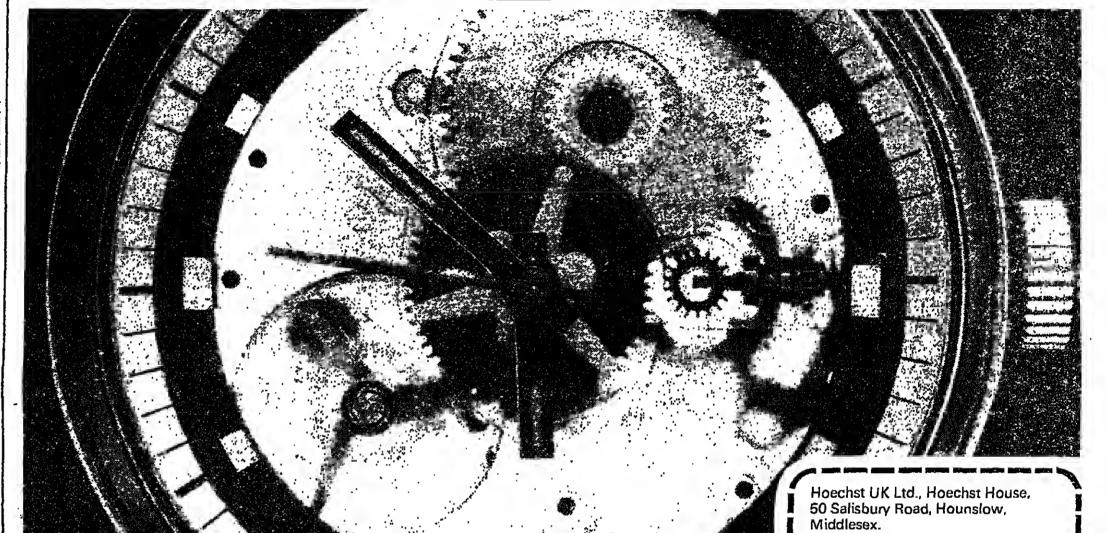
Strong support for the TUC proposal came from Mr Sillars, Labour MP for Ayrshire, South Io the trade uoioo movement siuce some things that happened were impor- scandalous and could not be defeoded by anyone, he said. His experience was that whoo that bappened people of the seniority likely to be appointed to the

editors and some of the street without their having to ions the NUJ bad put go through a length and some of the street without their having to go through a lengthy apprentice-ship procedure was abolished it would be a grave infringement of the freedom of the press, but the review committee proposed by the TUC was not likely to deal with prints of that sort. The bealth of Fleet Street demanded that editors should be able to do that, but if there was to be a closed shop. even with the proposed review committee, he doubted whether would be possible.

it would be possible.

Mr Booth, replying to the debate, said they were not considering taking away rights from individuals but the most effective way of securing them.

Discussion of the amendment was adjourced until Tuesday



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rocodile tears' attack on tors by Mr Scanlon

Labour Staff

Hugh Scanlon today the "crocodile tears" y editors for so-called il freedom. They count the with those at the ig end of some of the infolic comments from cootrolling most of the national and provincial pers", he says. ing to the journal of the

wated Union of Engio-Workers, of which he is mt, Mr Scanlon adds: rial freedom presumably the right to distort, or goore, vital aspects of when such items conflict te preconceived ideas of rring to the recent dis-

between the National of Journalists and proocwspapers and to the ny members of Apex, the luniou, at his own union lariers in Peckhant, south), he adds: "They (newsproprietors) condemn as reprehensible tradesanctions exercised by the

against themselves but, ably, such sanctions are ared fully justified when ed by one trade union aouther, as instanced in wn recent dispute with

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many of whom bave never before heen involved in a

Drawing an analogy between

press coverage of the Apex dis-pure and a future dispute be-tween engineering workers and the Engineering Employers' Federation, Mr Scanlon says that claims for £13 a week increases, like those Apex mem-bers demanded, will presumably be supported by the press, and the engineering employers will be described as "arrogant and selfish" when they refuse. Union membership: Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, refused to change his line on the question of editors being able to opt out of union membership ouce his closed-shop Bill becomes law (the Press Association renorts). Replying to a letter from Mr Cyril Smith, Liberal spokesman on employ-ment, who said the National Union of Journalists was pre pared to accept exemption for editors and asked why the Government could not do the same, Mr Foot said bis understanding was that the NUJ felt which editors were not compelled tu be members but that was

Indeed, they are opposed to it, because they consider it wrong to legislate for particular uccupanons". Mr Foot added.
"They feel strongly that the right approach is to come to an agreement on the safeguards which ought be incorporated in

not a course they favoured.

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HOME NEWS

Engineers to demand settlement of big increase without delay

by R. W. Shakespeare Northern Industrial

workers' unions agreed yester-day on the details of what is likely to be the most expensive pay claim ever to face the industry, on behalf of about 2,500,000 workers. They also warned employers that attempts to delay a settlement would be met by industrial action.

The national executive of the The national executive of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions will table the claim with the Engineering Employers' Federation and the shipbuilding employers within a week or two, and press for negotiations to be opened at the start of the new year. The unions want a settlement by the time the present national agreement expires at the end of March.

The confederation, the central union negotiating body for the

The confederation, the central union negotiating body for the industry, will demand a substantial increase in basic rates right across the industry. So far no figure has been given, but it is already clear that the minimum acceptable is likely to include a new basic rate of £40 a week. When the present agreement runs out, the rate for skilled men will be £32 for a 40-hour week.

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However, even £40 is regarded by some union leaders as far too low compared with other sectors. They would regard £50 a week as a more realistic target. The confederation is dropping its long-standing demand for a reduction in the working week from 40 to 35 hours, although that remains a longer-

armough that remains a longer-term objective.

The unions will, however, press for an increase in statu-tory holidays from seveo to 12 days a year in addition to the present standard three weeks. They will also demand immediequal pay for womeo

Mr Jack Service, general

said in York: "We have agreed to mount an immediate publicity campaign among all union mem-berships on the question of pos-sible militant action in support of this claim, in the event of unnecessary delays by the employers." In the past, they had experienced delaying tactics and semiements had been deferred for up to nine months.

Mr Hugh Scanlon, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, who is chairman of the confederation's engineering committee. He is known to favour punking a firm figure on the wages demand at the outset, rather than adopting the more flexible "substantiat increase" approach.

increase "approach.

However, the interpretation to be put on "substantial" by both sides will quickly emerge once negotiations begin. Actual skilled earnings vary considerably from firm to firm, ranging between £35 a week to about £65. The real significance of a nationally agreed minimum rate is to bearing on such things as overtime, holiday rates, and incentive and bouns pursent schemes geared to nourly rates. Any sizable increase in basic rates would have a marked effect on wage costs throughout the industry.

the industry.

The claim is being tabled at a time when the industry faces a very uncertain future. Many firms are already experiencing serious financial problems. The confederation executive has clearly taken some note of

has clearly taken some note of that, and the new claim omits some of the planks that have been in the policy for some time. The executive expressed growing concern about the motor industry and its influence on large sectors of engineering. Within the next two weeks, the union leaders will be meeting Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, to discuss moves to take a stake in British Leyland.



The new Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan (centre) with his sponsors, the Bishops of London (left) and Southwark, before his maiden speech in the Lords yesterday. Parliamentary report, page

By Our Labour Staff

By Our Labour Staff
Union leaders today will demand a £30 a week minimum wage for 220,000 hospital manual workers. An initial pay offer which fell short by 52p has been rejected.

Negotiators will meet at the Department of Health and Social Security and are reasonably confident that four of the five poiots in their claim will he met. They expect to be offered consolidation of the £4.40 a week threshold payments into basic rates, a job evalution exercise, an increase in shift allowance, and equal pay for women from February

Hospital pay claim sets \$\frac{1}{2}\$ Spanish fares 40% \$\frac{1}{2}\$ One month during the sums

Europe, and a big expansion of cargo services across the North-

Atlantic were announced by British Airways yesterday.

The lower fares, to eight destinations in Spain and Portugal, are aimed at increasing the flow of tourists. They have been agreed in cooperation with the state airlanes of the two Borogers. pean countries, Iberia and TAP, and with reductions of 40p in the pound will make some fares cheaper than they were before the fuel crisis began at the

and of 1973.

An example of the new fares quoted yesterday by BA was £63.80 return between London and Malaga compared with £90.30 today. Other routes on which they will apply are those to Alicante, Almeria, Palma, Valencia, Faro, Lisbon and Oporto.

Oporto.

To qualify for the new fares, passengers will have to stay at their destination for not less than 10 days and not longer than

one month during the summer. April to the end of October, and for not more than two months in the winter.

boon for tourists who rent or own flats and villes, or who visit friends end relatives in Spain, Portugal or the United King-

Adantic cargo services in a new agreement with American Airlines which will make 20 additional cities available for British exporters, while providing increased capacity and frequency to Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

The deal will effectively treble.

The deal will effectively treble the capacity offered by BA. Freight, will go by BA jumbo jets and Boeing 70% to gateway cities such as New York; Washington, Chicago, Miami, Boston and Detroit, where it will be transferred to American Airlines freighters for onward shipment.

Mr William Robbins, general manager (commercial) of the BA European division, said:
"We think the faces will be a

BA is to expand its North Atlantic cargo services in a new

life, it was sald. Brian Ernest Fairbairn, aged 36, former builder, of Sparrow Farm Drive, Feltham, Middlesex pleaded nor guity at the Central Criminal Court to murdering his wife, Denise Anne, aged 28, in May

Couple saw

dead in deep

A couple searching for their missing dangater, found her body in the deep freeze at her home, a judge will told yesterday. Their son in law later told the police that he had killed her in a fit of jealousy after an argument over other men in her life, it was said.

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freezer

aged 28, in May

Mr Barry Hudson, QC, for the defence, fold Mr Justice Thesiger that the killing was admitted. The only issue will be manufactured to the grounds of provocation, he said.

Mr Brian Leary, for the prosecution, said Mr Fairbairn appeared to have stabled his wife, kendered her nuconscious by strangulation, and then concealed her body in a macabre way while he field in Spain. There was no way of determining now whether she was alive when put in the deep freezer.

Mrs Fairbairus parents

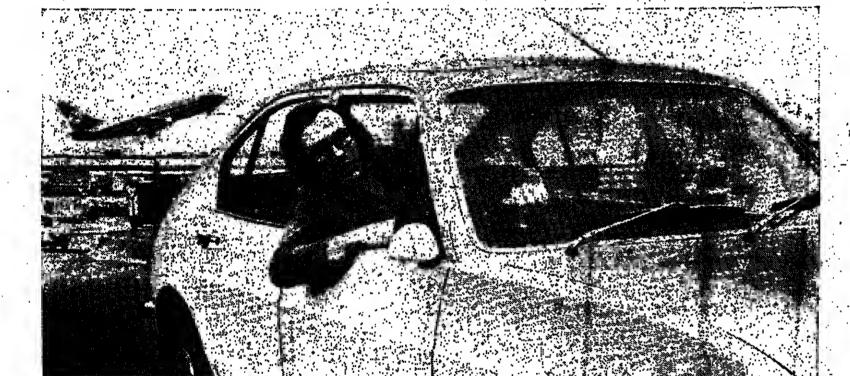
Mrs. Pairbairus parents forced their way mos spe apparently empty house. Mr. Leary said, and the father decided to switch off the deep, freeze if there was nothing much in it. He moved some articles and saw the body of his daughter, deep-

Mr Leary said there were four children, boys aged 10, and 11 and girls aged nine and eight.

Mr Fairbairn, he said, was seen by the police in Bilbao, Spain, and said he had killed the wife one midday while the

Mr Leary said Mr Fairbairn told the British vice-consul that afterwards he collected his pass-port, and bitch-hiked through France to Spain, where he spent his time in bars -

He said before a Spanish judge magistrate: "I don't know why I did it. I rhought a lot of her, hut it was jealousy. She came in en May 9 about I pm and I made caffee. Another row started about other men. I don't know who they were. We were both showing and the next thing she was deed. We already had an arrangement to past from



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More children in care over bad housing

By Our Social Services:

More children went into care last year, a: White Papers dis-closed yesterday. Horseless-ness and ad housing, respon-sible for 7,182 cases, an increase of 672 over 1972, were the main

on March 31, 1973, there were 93,188 children in care in England and Wales, 2,602 more than in 1972.

The increase number going into care because of bad hous,

ing continues a trend that has heen noticeable in recent years The oumbers were offset by a into care because their families became homeless through evic with 1,155 in 1972.

The average cost a child in care to local authorities rose to £17.27 a week, from £12.92 in 1972. The cost in a local authority home was £28.45, in a voluntary home £18.30 and in a foster-home £5.14. The respective 1972 figures were £23.93, £14.37 and £4.62. Children in Care in England and Wales 1973 (Cmod 5815, Stationery Office, 24p).

Voting on death penalty

To supplement the division list on capital punishment which appeared in later editions of The Times yesterday, the House of Commons order paper yes terday, shows that the follo

also voted:
Against the amendment: Conservatives: L Stewart (Hitchin); Labour: D. Anderson (Swansea, East), G. Grant (Morpeth), D. Ginsburg (Dewsbury), R. Mitchell (Southampton Itchen), C. Phipps (Dudley, West), T. Walker (Kingswood), A. Williams (Swansea, West), R. Thomas (Bristol, North-West). Tellers: J. Golding (Newcastle-under-Lyme) and Mrs M. Miller (Redbridge, Hford, North). For the amendment: Conservatives: M. Allson (Barkston Ashi; I. Riggs-Davison (Epping Forest), I. Gow (Eastbourne), B. Pink (Portsmouth, South). Tellers: R. Eyre (Birmingham, Hall Green)

£75.000 bail for three accused

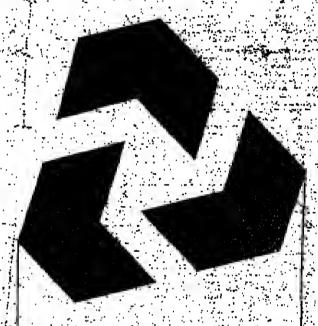
Ivor Gershfield, aged 46, an economist, of Chase Side, Southgate; Isidor Heller, aged 47, a company director, of Hendon Avenne, Golders Green, and Avenne, Golders Green, and Asmiel Heller, aged 45, a re-tired businessman, of The Ridge-way, Golders Green, were charged at Guildhall yesterday with conspiring together be tween January, 1969, and May 1971, to cheat and defraud eight banks in Israel by taking steps to render worthless letter guarantee given by Helle and Partners.

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A strategy for putting ecocomics back on its feet as a degree subject is proposed today in The Times Higher Education Suppleversities and trade unions.

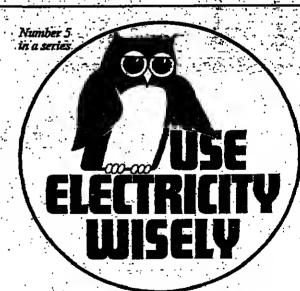
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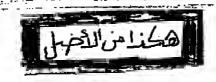
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b: Tim Devlin Educadoo Correspondent

There is no advantage to be gained from teaching French in wide experiment, published to-

The study by the National Foundation for Educational Research says that pupils taught French from the age of eight do not show any substantial gains compared with those taught French from the age of 11. By the time the children

talight early are ready to go tu secondary school balf have had enough of French, get a sense of failure, and arrive at their new school with a positive sense ni hostility towards learning

French, the report says.
It says there is no evidence that younger children are bener han older children at learning foreign language skills. If anything, the reverse seemed to be true. "The sheer amount of time speot learning a foreign language appears to be the dominant factor affecting suc-cess, not the age at which the period of learning hegan."

experiment, which was started by the Ministry of Education in 1963, the team under Dr primary schools, an important Clare Burstall, deputy director report on an 11-year-old nation of the foundation, concludes:
wide experiment published to "The weight of the evidence has combined with the balance of opinion to tip the scales against the possible expansion of the teaching of French in primary schools."

One hundred and twenty-five schools took part io the pilot scheme with French, and teachers were given in-service training courses. The study examined the 18,000 pupils who

It also found that the farther from Calais the children were, the more their interest in the language waned. Girls were better at French than boys, but both boys and girls in single-sex schools did better than children in mixed schools. It is estimated that more than 4.500 of the 22,700 primary schools in England and Wales teach

Primary French in the Balance: NFER, The Mere, Upton Park, Slough, Berkshire. Price £3.78.

Schools running out of supplies, union says

Many schools will run out of exercise books, rulers, and other essential equipment by next April because they cannot afford the "soaring costs" of paper and wood, the National Union of Teachers says today.

turers and suppliers of school equipment has found that bills for school equipment have riseo in the past year by two fifths. Since 1972 the price of exer-cise books and the average

price of paper-hased goods have some up by 80 per cent, pens by 73 per cent, rulers by 78 per cent and deal wood, com-monty used in school equip-ment, by as much as 108 per

That means that local autho-

ago. The cost of musical instruments has rocketed in some cases by 130 per cent. Gymnastic equipment has risen by

anything up to 80 per cent. Mr Fred Jarvis, the union's general secretary, says in a statement published today that all those rises bave taken place A union survey of manufac- at a time when local authority spending on equipment has risen by about 29 per cent in primary and by 15.5 per cent in

secondary schools. He said: "We quoted some of the costs revealed by the survey to Mr Prentice. Secrelary of State for Education and Science, last week, and I think he was shaken by the fantastic

extent of price rises.

"Most schools are fighting an impossible hartle to maintain necessary levels of equipment rities are paying half as much again for school desks, chairs, hookcases and nearly 30 per cent more for blackboards.

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Casino owner accused

Juhn Tsigarides, aged 44, a after abandoning an appeal at |

action owner, is to appear he fore Torhay magistrates today, accused of conspiracy to defeat the course of justice.

He was detained by the police at Torquay.

Lord Justice Scarman says law is failing us

Legal Correspondent

The legal system had failed to meet the challenge of today's society, Lord Justice Scarman said last night, summing up the main theme of bis four Hamlyn lectures. That was so both io connexion with the country's international obligations and on the internal scene.

"A law of torts, a land law, and a family law conceived on common law principles, bowever admirable in substance, cannot effectively protect the general public or the weak, the poor, the aged and the sick," he said. The common law system was "being remaindered to corners of the house which are unvisited by most members

of society".

The result might be that rights and liberties would come to depend, and obligations would be declared and defined, by complex government machinery, subject not to the rule of law administered by the ordinary courts but to administrative and political controls heyond the grasp of the law. Justice was at risk.

In the fields of human rights,

the social security system of a welfare state, the protection of the environment, industrial relations and constitutional devolution, the law and the legal profession had been found wanting, Lord Justice Scarman

said. His proposals to cure these His proposals to cure these inadequacies were:

I. A new constitutional settlement replacing that of 1689 to be worked out by Parliament, the judges, the Law Commission, and the Government through a phased programme of study, research and extensive consultation;

2. The basis of the new settlement should be entrenched provisions

should be eotrenched provisions including a Bill of Rights), and restraints upon administrative and legislative power, protecting it from attack by a bare majority in

from attack by a bare majority in Parliament;
3. Supreme Court of the United Kingdom charged with the duty of protecting the constitution; if reginnal devolution comes, the problems of compeding legislatures could be handled by the court, which would be at the pinnacle of the ordinary courts of the land;
4. An immediate study should be heem of the problems of co-fif-cadion coupled with the associated problems of statutory drafting and problems of statutory drafting and interpretation in the new context of entrenched provisions and codified law; 5. Machinery should be established

for handling the continuing problems of the law's development and reform, with special reference to administrative law.

Judges, practitioners and teachers of law had to look to the new sources and fields of law and abandon babits of thought and action derived from a society that no longer exists, Lord Justice Scarman concluded.



Spike Milligan as Ben Gunn and Jonathan Scott Taylor as Jim Hawkins in the Mermaid Theatre's musical production of Treasure Island, which opens on Monday.

sea divers working in the doos. British sector of the North Sea "I am not knocking the

conference at Aston University, Birmingham, next Wednesday, of its type in Britain. At it, water equipment properly and divers will call for hetter safety are putting their lives at risk divers will call for hetter safety are putting their lives at risk measures in the North Sea and also those or men who are oilfields.

They are chiefly worried by the growing number of inex-perienced divers in the oil fields and the scope of govern-ment safety regulations which become effective on January

Mr Crichton-Todd, aged 29, of Stoke-on-Trent, a former Royal Navy diver, now working in the Piper Field, a hundred miles east of Shetland, said down strict safety and medical inexperienced divers were being standards for all divers workattracted to the oiltielas of a go

raging waters of the North Sea", be added. "They are really scuba divers and the pro-

British sector of the North Sea oilfields are accident-prone men who are "just not up to standard". Mr Michael Cricbton-Todd, general secretary of the newly formed Association of British Professional Divers, said yesterday. He is organizing a one-day safety health and welfare diving represented at Aston L'niversity. They are out there unable. They are out there unable, many of them, to handle under-

> professionals." The association wants to see a system of national civing schools offering "something like" the 15-week diving course entrants undergo at the diving school in Rosyth. But the new offsbore oil safety regulations are largely ineffective. Mr Crichton Todd said. The rules, the Offshore (Div-

ing Operations) Regulations, lay ing on the 60 rigs and platforms operated by 12 oil companies working the British sector. Divers earn between 25,000 and £7,000 a year and about half of them are former Royal Navy or Royal Marines divers

The regulations covered men

often no redress", be continued.

Mr Richard Farrington-Wharton, managing director of

But they should refuse to

50 per cent of our operations are from barges. But we try to observe the soirit as well as the

"They should have covered all forms of support vessel hur from what I bear, things are moving that way. We have turned down three jobs this year because we considered

On drilling rigs, workers become soaked in wet and and become cold to the extent that their body temperature falls, producing bypothermia. This leads to a greater number of accidents than would otherwise

tion as an interloper and par because they wanted to be p for the service. Although t campaign was designed to p vide both towns with comp hensive free family plann advice and supplies, some d tors continued to charge

Doctors blamed over

birth-control failure

Social Services

Correspondent

A number of family doctors

refused to cooperate in a gov-eroment experiment designed to

State for Social Services, was

designed to saturate two tuwns with family plenning services. The sum of £50,000 was spent on

comprehensive services at Run-

corn, Cheshire, and Coalville, Leicestersbire. It succeeded in increasing the numbers of

people using birth control services, but the people attracted

to the services were mainly younger, childless and un-married women and a growing

proportion of women from the

skilled manual class. It en-couraged very few women from social classes four and

five to attend clinics or approach their doctors for belp,

although both towns had more

than the average oumber of such women.

bring birth control services to women most in need of them, a report shows today. Yet the doctors were much more likely prescribing contraceptive pil Doctors who were enthusia: to be in contact with women in social classes four and five than and cooperative bad a mar! effect. One practice at Runce the specialist family planning which already had a high le of family planning service services set up for the experipeople in social classes four The campaign, initiated by Sir Keith Joseph when Secretary of five, performed nearly vasectomies during the c

paign. The most striking failure in the provision of domicil services, which were depend on the cooperation of doct Throughout the campaign, wl lasted from April, 1972. September, 1973, only six c were referred to the Coaldomiciliary service, and non

Runcorn.
Mrs Isobel Allen, author the study, said yesterday the health visitors, who were attached to GP practices, v reluctant to refer when to siastic.

Birth Control in Runcarn Codiville: A Study of the Campaign by Isobel Allen. Broadsheet 549 (Research Put Some doctors in the two don Services Ltd. Victoria towns were lukewarm partly be- Fingal Street, London, SE101

Safety fears by divers in North Sea oilfields

"Many of them go direct from some tranquil gravel bit training school direct to the

working from fixed platforms in shelf but most deep diving work is being carried out from pipe-laying barges completely out-side that area, Mr Crichton-Todd

Divers are at risk because much of the work they do is in international waters. They work from foreign vessels, often flying flass of convenience, and if there is an accident there is

"In addition, many of them feel under pressure from the oil companies to go down when conditions are bad. The pressure that the pressure to th ure can be intense when 20 to 30 men are all on a diving harge together in a rough North Sea. Some companies are good but the majority are ruthless."

Comex Diving Ltd, of Great Ya-mouth, the higgest diving contractor in the North Sea, said: "There is a risk and l can understand bow the divers feel about the situation in the

dive. Barge operations are ex-cluded from the regulations and

The Department of Energy said the new rules were com-prebensive and were "actively being considered" in areas that had been overlooked before. "such as operations from barges".

Paying in lives : Britain is paying for the race to get North Sea oil with the lives, health and safety of those who work there, Dr Alexander Gunn, dir-ector of Reading University health service, writes in Nursing Times this week.

"To work as some of the men on the rig do for two weeks, seven days a week for 12 hours a day and then bave one week on shore as leave, is not conductive to begithy, rested man-power. Inevitably the pattern of progressive farigue is reflected in the accident rate."

Conditions for divers such that 11 had died in the vear.

Too many ministries: creation of a single auth to administer safety regula for divers in the North Sea be jeopardized by "em conscious" civil servants in Department of Energy, Mr Prescott, Labour MP for East, said in London yeste

They could try to delay efforts to get overall resibility centralized by a b and safety commission u the aegis of the Departme Employment, Mr Pre

Mr Prescott, a firmer and seaman who en-Parliament in 1970, said-such a commission could together the various safety inspection duties at profragmented and spread at three other ministries.

Yorkshire arts grants

Yorkshire Arts Associ has granted 53,000 to he running York Arts Centre, another £500 if that is ma by York District Council. grants include £1,150 to 'literature festival and a ctional £610 to Calder '

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Sixteen-year-olds are th

group most likely to be a victed within two years o

charge from detention ce Yet again courts place fa borstals. The reconviction rate for

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The Christmas turkey has many guises

Turkeys are available in more guises than usual this year. This reflects the desperate ingenuity of producers who still bave un-comfortably large stocks of

frozen birds. The latest variation is a cylinder of turkey meat, about five inches wide and 18 inches long, tightly wrapped in pork fat. It can be roasted like a joint ot beef or lamb and sliced; weighs

Beef will be e better buy than turkey this Christmas, but for those who cannot let the seasoo pass without tasting the festive bird there are portions of rur-key filler. They are about the size of a small escalope of veol and cost between 14p and 19p

One portion a person would make a useful evening successor to a vast joint of beef at lunch on Christmas Day, Those who insist on a whole turkey will find an uneven market. There are fewer fresh hirds than usual, and the best hens will probably cost more than 50p a pound. Most stores have fixed their Christmas prices for frozen birds, but some persist in guardbirds, but some persist in guarding them like state secrets until a few days before Christmas. Cater Brothers: Frozen, 29p a pound for all weights; fresh, a few available, not yet priced. Co-operative societies: Frozen, 29p a pound for all weights. Dewburst: Frozen, 32p-34p a pound up to 14lb, then 29p a pound; fresh, cocks, 35p to 38p, heos, 50p to 50p.

Food prices

Hugh Clayton

Fice Fare: Frozen, 30p, what-ever weight evailable; price may change hefore Christmas. David Greig: Frozen, 28p for all weights. International Stores : Frozen, 29p

International Stores: Frozen, 29p for all weights.
Keymarkets: Frozen, 28p for all weights; no fresh this year.
Liptons: Frozen, 27p from 61b-18th; some shops may have restricted range of weights.
Littlewoods: Frozen, 28p to 32p according to weight.
MacFisheries: Frozen, 31p up to 121b, 29p up to 171b; very few fresh available; at these prices a 13th bird will cost only a little more than a 12-pounder.
Marks & Spencer: Frozen, avail-

Marks & Spencer: Frozen, available in some stores at 39p; fresh, 41p from December 21.
Safeway: oot available.
Sainsbury: Frozen, 29p for all

weights; frozen, 29p for all weights; fresh 38p.
Tesco: Frozen, six-pounders at 31p or 32p a pound, theo 29p a pound for 14th or more.
Waitrose: Frozen, 27p; self-bast-

ing, 30p.
Woolworth: Frozen, 23p a poond.
Chickens dear: The cheapest
supermarket broiler chicken,
according to the British Poultry
Federation, costs 254p, while few
cost less than 27n 2 pound the cost less than 27p a pound, the rate for the cheapest frozen turkey.

Action needed on racial issues, conciliators say From Arthur Osman

Birmingham

Generalized statements about equal opportunities for coloured minority groups of workers must increasingly be accompanied by action on specific issues, the East Midlands conciliation committee of the Race Relations Board said yesterday.

In its annual report, the committee indicated that these issues were formulation of policies on equal opportunities, their communication to everyone concerned, and effective monitoring of the policies to ensure their implementation.

The committee's work during the year was dominated by the allegations of unlawful discrimination at the Imperial Type-writer factory at Leicester, where there was a 14-week strike earlier this year. Of the 1,650 manual workers, 1,100 are Asian. Yesterday's report continued:

"Although the evidence we ob-tained did not support the alle-gations made by the strikers, the dispute showed that even where the employer is well intentioned, if minority group workers are under represented at supervisory levels and in the trade to the board and gave evidence union workplace organization, oo his hebalf."

they feel strongly that they lack equal opportunities. These fael-ings are increased where management and shop stewards have been reluctant to adopt formal equal-opportunity policies. What we have seen in the east Mid-lands is groups of minority group workers becoming increasingly alienated from the workplace, resulting in industrial relations difficulties."
Reporting on one of its 85

other investigations during the

year, the committee mentioned a West Indian who was refused service in a Nottingham public bouse ostensibly on the ground that he was not wearing a rie. Evidence showed that some white people in the bar at the time were not wearing ties. The committee formed an opinion that there had been unlawful discrimination and it was boped that the matter would be re-solved in the near future. It added: "We hear a good deal about the divisions of race relations but here was a case in which a number of white customers in the public house were so disturbed at the treatment given to the West Indian that they advised him to complain

Four out of five borstal trainees offend again

Four out of five 16-year-old males discharged from borstal in 1970 were convicted again within two years, most of them within nine months, according to latest Prison Department statistics published yesterday. Yet balf of them were sent

back to borstal when first reconvicted. The figures illustrate the failure of borstal but the persistence, nevertheless, of belief

year-old males from dett centres was 65.3 per cent total of 1.088 followed u two years after discharge. sistence, nevertheless, of belief Report on the Work of the .

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MPs in Luxembourg assert their new powers to change EEC budget for the first time

sembuurg, Dec 12

With only one hitch, which olred a clash between the ciulist group and the other ties, members of the Euro-in Parliament here today cried for the first time in Community's history their Logislative power to change

For the Parliament to over-n decisions of the Council of n decisions of the Council of nisters on propositinns put mard by the Parliament at November meeting, a vote at least 92 of the 198 memship was required. The tish Conservative MPs who I travelled overnight to vote he Commons got back in the k of time and the first voto s carried against the Council
Ministers by 110 votes to
with one MP abstaining.
is was Mr lens Maigaard,
e representative of the
tish Socialist People's

tesk tops were thumped in test when M Georges Spen-leader of the Socialist group. ounced that they would not with the rest of Parliament tary budget for this amount in

tn the budget which would have agreement in Paris.
allowed about £2,501,000 for Other amendments social projects in the Third World to be undertaken with the help of private development aid organizations.

Spenale's argument was that this sum should be kept in reserve because it might be needed for social purposes to the benefit of workers in the Community if the economic situation ation worsened.

For the Council of Ministers, Christian Poncelet said that if the Parliament reserved the right to make a decision about the use of these reserves until a later date that was a political decision and the required decision and the council would respect it. The Socialisis cheered this declaration and the amendment to insist on the grant was lost because only 66 MPs voted for it, the Socialists and Com-munists abstaining.

Another amendment calling for a regional fund of at least £150m to he in operation by January 1 was not pressed after M Poncelet had given an assurance that the Council of Ministers would table a supplemen-

carried by votes of 107 and 109. One of these provided, against the wishes of the Council of Ministers, £600,000 for safety precautions at an atomic re search statinn at Ispra, Italy, where there is a danger of people heing harmed by radia-tion if urgent work is not under-

At one point in the debate Mr Carnelis Berkhouwer, the President (ar Speaker) of the House, had to appeal to MPs to remain in their places, otherwise. the required quorum would not be obtained. The complete hudget was erentually approved by a vine of 101, the Commun-

ists and Mr Maiguard abstaining Tonight Herr Ludwig Feller maier, vice-chairman of the Sucialist group, issued a statement expressing the liope that when Ireland tuok over the presidency of the Council of Ministers from France next month, relations between the Council and Bastiness and Council and Bastiness are also Council and Parliament would be improved.

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1ore 'free 'avel' road cences or Britain

m David Cross

ssels, Dec 12 ransport companies in Britand the other EEC member es will receive 20 per cent e Coolmunity road haulage nces next year under new ogements approved by aber governments in Brus-

t one of their regular meet-, the numsters of transport the Nine agreed late last it to grant Britaio an alloca-of 272 of these permits, the nable lorries to travel ly throughout the Communwithout complicated bordet ks. By contrast, West Ger-companies will be entitled 27 licences, the French to the Dutch to 382 and the

r F. Mulley, the British ister, originally had been ing a 5 per ceot locrease in country's share and a smal-perceotage for the six tder member states. This because Britain wanted to row the gap between the tas allocated to the three recent members and the After some reluctance by West Germans to approve increases wbatsoever, Mr lley settled for a 20 per cent

teral increase as a compromark made it clear that still were not ready to e to a maximum axle weight. I tous to replace their pres-limit of some 10 tons. o the satisfaction of the ish, the ministers agreed to tinue to exempt the three comers from the Communsystem of maximum and imum tariff rates for the iage of goods by road be-en member states. The ish bave not heeo applying system of "bracket tariffs"

suse of the difficulty of

eing prices for journeys ch include sea crossings.

European Parliament may have senate

From Our Political Correspondent

Luxembourg. Dec 12
Proposals for extending the powers of the European Parliament, now to be considered as a matter of urgency after the agreement reached at the Paris summit, are likely to include the establishment of a second Chamber which will cootaio "senators" delegated by the national Parliaments.

This would remove the criticism that a directly elected Parliament would get out of touch with political opinion in the elected assemblies in the

member states.

Mr Peter Kirk, the leader of the Conservative delegation in Luxembourg, today welcomed the firm decision of the Country. cil of Ministers to encourage Parliament to put up a plan for direct elections by 1976. But be was worried by the linking of this proposition with the idea of increasing the powers of the Parliament simultaneously. This could lead to much argument about powers which, in turn, would hold up the direct

elections. Several members of the Conservative delegation, including Lord Bessborough, said they would support the idea of a secood Chamber but the details would have to be discussed when the European Parliament debated the scheme drafted hy Mr Schelto Patijn, the Dutch Socialist, in January.

Mr Patijn, as rapporteur for the political affairs committee, recommends a new elected Chamber of 550 members, made chamber of \$50 members, made up of 24 from Belgium, 14 Denmark, 108 Fraoce, 128 Germany, 10 Ireland, 113 Italy, six Luxembourg, 31 The Netberlaods and 116 United Kingdom.

MPs from the Irish Republic today, also expressed expressed.

today also expressed support for a second, nominated Chamber which would act as a revisiog body and which would more closely reflect the views of national parliaments.

But it is recognized that, if the hicameral system is adopted, it will not be easy to accom-modate the two legislative

Mr James Hill, a memher of the British Conservative delega-tion, said today: "I think MPs bere should accept more

A spokesman for the Socialist group said tonight that they would be opposed to a nominated second Chamber. "We would not accept any system where appointed members or people who are here into a people who are horn into a place of privilege would have legislative power."

The Community should first get on with direct elections to Parliament. Later the Council of Ministers might evolve into a second Chamber, where all its deliberations and decisions would be open to the public

ghts, which still divides the e, was raised briefly by the land. Britain, Ireland and limits the land and surprises Madrid

Sao Sebastián, Dec 12.— Factories, shops and schools re-opened today in the Basque region after a one-day general strike which brought much of the area to a standstill.

Sources said that the Government had heen surprised by the extent of the disruptions. The strikes and demonstrations had been called by underground trade unions and the Basque separatist movement, ETA, in support of demands for an amnesty for political prisoners.

The police detained more than 50 people, many of whom were released after questioning

overnight.

A student, aged 22, was shot and wounded when the police opened fire to disperse the demonstrators in the village of Hernaoi. He was recovering in the provincial hospital in San Sebastiáo today.

More than 140 political prisoners in 11 jails are on hunger strike demanding an amnesty.—Reuter.

'ortuguese Socialists meet legally at last

ome 900 delegates of the tuguese Socialist Party will meeting for the next three s io the first legal congress decades, to which 400 tuguese and foreign obser-have been invited. They ude members of the Socialist ernational, the British Labour ty, various members of opean socialist and demo-

tic parties and representa-is of African leftwing and ependent movements. ss tomorrow and on Saturday is somerrow and on Saturday
i Sunday will he public,
norrow, after the formal
ning of the congress, delees will Jisten to a report by
secretary-general, Dr Mario
res, the Minister of Foreign
in Discussion of the sociaairs. Discussion of the socia-

party members published a party members published a document setting out their conception of the party's hasic principles. It emphasizes that affiliation to the Socialist International indicates the party's rejection of the "Leninist inheritance". The members believe that the balance of wealth should be in favour of the workers and governing power should be entirely responsible to the community.

Speaking at a press conference today. Dr Soares said there was a group within the party which considered that there was no reasoo for the existence of different currents and that unity should he strengthened.
He added: "But we are open

to all socialist currents which believe in socialism, io freedom, in socialism with a human face". Our Foreign Staff writes: The Saturday and speeches have o limited to five minutes. lowed the coup last April in lowed a group of leading Portugal had given way to wide-

spread disappointment and divisions, Senhor Antonio de Figueiredo, a writer on Portuguese affairs, said a tChatham House in London yesterday. Nations were singularly ungrate-ful and demanding, and large sectors of the urban population and the peasant class had either "retreated into alienation" or begun to voice opposition.
The new regime had given the

highest priority to the needs of the working class, and in ad-dition to restoring rights of as-sociation and strike, it had in-stituted a minimum wage and better working cooditions; but in other fields the search for democracy had had some disturbing side effects.

The most disturbing feature of

present Portuguese politics was the "calculated ambiguity" io the race for power, in which cer-tain elements within the armad forces movement and political parties were involved.

ifth jockey arrested in rench betting case

om Richard Wigg is. Dec 12

Police squads today were king investigations in the derworld of Marseilles and ulon over a hetting scandal olving the Tierce, the offarse hetting system which is ance's favourite gambling raction.

Last night a Paris investigat-; magistrate nrdered the ention of a fifth steeplease jockey. The five under est, Pierre Costes, Jeanul Cira Vegna, Christian Da ar. A well-known trainer is also arrested and lodged in Paris prison oo similar

charges. This followed a year-long police investigation after the Auteuil racecourse authorities noted how several favourites in

the race had run. The course authorities found that 500,000 francs (£47,000) that 500,000 francs (£47,000) had heen placed on outsiders who filled the first three places. None of the favourites, among them horses ridden by the five jockeys now charged, performed as expected. The police in their investigations studied in their investigations studied films of the steeplechase

The investigating magistrate is also questioning again a an-Pierre Renard and and an-Pierre Philipperon, have been charged with attempted and, corruption, and violating ench horse racing laws as ckeys in a steeplecbase run Auteuil on December 9 last ar. A wall-known trainer reveal approaches made jockeys before they raced.

Opinion poll puts Denmark's Liberals in lead From Our Correspondent

Copenhagen, Dec 12

The Social Democratic Party. Denmark's higgest party for more than 40 years, has been forced hack to second place, according to an opinion poll published here today. It said the Liberal Party, led by the Prime Minister, Mr Poul Hart-ling, was supported by 30 per cent of the voters. The Social Democrats were supported by

26 per cent. Denmark is to have a geoeral election on January 9, and the poll is the first sloce Mr Hartliog dissolved the Folketing last week. Apart from the surge of support for Mr Hartliog's party, it shows that the balance hetween Socialist, and noo-Socialist parties is changed at roughly 40 and 60

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Nato talks

dominated

problems

From Roger Berthoud Brussels, Dec 12

Council.

by economic

For nace, economic problems

like inflation and unemployment rather than East-West relations

or the state of the alliance, nom-

inated today's six-monthly meet-ing of the Nato Ministerial

The broad conclusions, accord-

ing 10 officials, were much the

same as those of this week's

EEC summit meeting in Paris:

that restrictive and protection-

ist measures must be avoided;

that those countries in a position

producers desired by President

Giscard d'Estaing should he well

prepared by consultations he-tween the main consumers.

Secretary of State, again empha-

sized the importance of con-

sumer solidarity. But some observers had the impression

that he might be prepared to envisage a conference with the

producers within six months.

Dr Kissinger, the American

mum of cooperation.

up 60,000

in France

From Our Own Correspondent

France now has 689,200 offi-

cially registered unemployed

The November figure—60,000 up on October's total—was released by M Michel Durafour, the Minister of Labour, as the com-

munist and socialist trade union

confederations today called on French workers to "demon-

strate in the defence of jobs ".

given to last month's general

strike call, the umons urged

their members only to file peti-

tions end stage short "token"

stoppages, where the sbopfloor

demanded it, with meetings org-

snized after factory hours.

After the lukewarm response

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Paris, Dec 12

Number of

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Israel aircraft attack Palestinian camp after cinema bombing

From Our Correspondent

Beiruz, Dec 12 Four Isrsel Phantoms this after:1000 raided a Palestinian camp in a Beirut suburb. The raid followed a bomb attack last night by Palestinian guerrillas

in a Tel Aviv cinema. The Palestine news agency (Wafa) said the raid lasted 13 minutes and failed to record direct hits. One residential building was demolished and a number of civilians were in-

jured, it said. Other Palestinian sources said only two people were slightly injured. Eyewimess near the Shaila camp, which houses Eyewitnesses near the jered. Beiru: airport, said there was confusion especially some

among children M Durafour, speaking last The air raid siren was sounded night in the Senate, said young in Beirut about 4 pm and the all clear was given at 5.15 pm. people seeking jobs for the first time had been particularly affected. The Minister criticizen During the raid. Beirut airport was closed to traffic and incoming aircraft were diverted to some employers for heing overcautious in recruiting. Damascus while one Turkish airliner was curned back to Tur-While the unions kept up

their pressure, M Ambroise Roux, vice-president of the Patkey.

A defeoce Ministry communironat, the French employers qué said four aircraft launched federation, warned the Govern-ment that emergeocy measures a raid on refugee camps for seven minutes and were interto stimulate the economy were cepted by Lebanese fighters and ground fire. A large column of needed if unemployment is to be kept within reasonable limits. water was seen as a heavy object "We are now in a war economy", be said. spiashed in the sea. The com-munique said in was believed to The unions have told the Minbe one of the raiding aircraft.

ister there must he a reduction The Wafa statement said the of working hours and earlier reboth guerrills and Lehanese Army fire. tirement to preserve employ-ment levels and make jobs avail-Army me.
A report from the southern
Lebanese town of Sidon said an able for the young.

Two jailed for

Berlin, Det 12.—Willi Rather, aged 31, and Verena Becker, aged 22, were jailed for eight

They were found guilty of causing an explosion in the British yacht club and causing the death of a German club employee on February 2, 1972. Tel Aviv: Israel police said material.

today that a British passport in the possession of the Tel Aviv cinema bomber last night was definitely forged. The identity of the terrorist who was killed hy one of his owo grensdes remains a mystery, but notes found in his possession indicated he belonged to the Popular Front

for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). The PFLP, a Marxist-Leninist group led by Dr George Habash. is one of the components of the Palestine Liberation Organiz-

ation (PLO). Meanwhile, the Israel Air Force said today's air raid was on Palestinian installations used as training and operational bases by the PFLP.

One of the casualties of the cinema bombing was identified this afternoon ss Robin Keith Burherry, aged 34, of Sussex, an engineer under contract with a local cannery. He was killed outright and his companion, Miss Sarah Shuckhman, aged 28, died later from injuries.

The bomber entered Isrsel early yesterday morning with s passport in the name of Alexander Adam Hooper, born in Accra, Ghsna, in 1948 and now a resident of Turkey. He came from the Fsr East. His passport showed he had travelled to Spain and Japan.

Commander David Ofer, chief of police in the Tel Aviv dis-trict, this afternoon showed reporters à blood-soaked elastic girdle about a foot wide found on the dead mao. He said the grensdes must bave been tucked into the belt against the man's hody. The terrorist lob-Israel aircraft bombed two bed two grenades amongst the spectators in a cinema balcony and a third went off apparently fishing boats in the small port of Sarafand this afternoon but missed them. The boats re-turned safely ashore.

before he could throw it. Commander Ofer said he had Later Mr Rashid Solh, the Prime Minister, told Parliament that one woman had been appointed a commission to in-quire into possible security killed and 10 people were in-jured. Lebanon will lodge a complaint with the United failures. Questions heing asked include how the man was able to clear customs and security checks at Ben-Gurion airport with a suitcase with a false bottom containing plastic explosives and other bomb making a third of a division to four say whether a Security Council session would be sought. Mosbe Brilliant writes from

because the pin was released

progress' in talks on troop cuts Vienna, Dec 12.-This year negotiations on East-West tre cuts in central Europe eoded day with no agreement in sig delegates said. However, North Atlantic Treaty Organ

tion (Nato) and the commu Warsaw Pact countries s they would continue talks n Mr Willem de Vos van Str wijk of The Netherlands, Nato spokesmao said : " We o not report real progress y

'No real

And Mr Tadeusz Strulak Poland, for the Warsaw P said: "No real progress been made in the sense of concrete agreement." The 19 nations taking

agreed in recess their meet for a month and to reconv in late January. "The exact will be fixed in direct negtions by the governm concerned", Mr Strulak sai His Nato counterpart sta The activity by both s justifies the hope that we moving into a slage of incre movements to the regotiat.

We remsin optimistic." The Western allies seel elimioate the communist's t troops in central Europe, v maintaioing their own advar in lactical nuclear weapo They have proposed redu Nato and Warsaw Pact gri forces to 700.000 men estarting with the two st

powers. The communists aim at r raining their present advar in conventional forces, v reducing the West's nustrike force capability. Acing to the independent Inte tional Institute of Sira Studies, the Warsaw Pact 935,000 men and 15,500 t and Nato 788,000 men 6,880 tanks in central Eu: Washington, Dec 12.-

United States Army annou today that a brigade of men will be moved to West many, beginning next hlard make American forces ther-

Dr Kissinger greets Signor Rumor, the Italian Foreign Minister, before the Nato meeting.

to do so should reflate: and that there should be the maxi-Dr Kissinger and M Sauvag-Inevitably, the differences between the French and the nargues, the French Foreign Minister, had breakfast together this morning in an attempt to prepare for this weekend's meet-Americans over energy were thrashed over again. It was gebing in Martinique between Presicrally agreed that the conferdent Ford and M. Giscard. ence between consumers and

In his contribution to the economics debate, Mr Callaghan, the British Foreign Secretary. said we were coming to the end of an era. People had been ex-necting to get richer and to improve their situation. But the world was approaching a situa-tion at least as bad as in the 1930s. A way had to be found of making it clear that wealth would not increase.

Mr Callaghan appealed to his in Vienns and on the Geneva allies to avoid restrictionist conference oo security and copolicies, and saw the need to obtain the assent of the people to take the necessary steps to save the situation as it appeared to be developing. One of the chief anxieties of

the alliance is that weapons are becoming more expensive and complicated at a time when less money is available

Dr Kissinger gave a report of

President Ford's meeting in Vladivostok with Mr Brezhnev. and the resulting strategic arms limitation agreement. There was a brief discussion on the East-West talks on food production operation in Europe. It was agreed that the forces reduction talks had made little

progress in the past 13 mouths.

The fear is that the Western position will be undermined by

unilateral cuts by allies because

of economic pressures. The Geneva conference was considered to bave made some progress, but not enough. Theoretically, the question of whether it will end with the summit meeting desired by Mr

Brezboev, the Soviet Communist Party leader, remains to be decided on the basis of results.

Hopes of energy agreement at Giscard-Ford summit

From Charles Hargrove

Paris, Dec 12 President Giscerd d'Estaing left today for Guadelnupe, no the way to his meeting with President Ford at the weekend in Marringue.
Commentators agree that the

meeting is cruciai hecause the EEC Paris summit earlier this week showed once again that relations between Europe and the United States underlay all the Nine's discussions and their enduring differences.

The Marringue meeting is being preceded by the French President's official visit to the French West Indies.

Asked at Orly airport whether

mandate I can mention is that coordinating economic

"Bur I old not try in obtain a mandate on energy, for some of our standpoints are different. All our partners, however, have entrusted to me their desire to search with President Ford for solutions that would make it possible to hold a very wellprepared world conference on

On Tuesday night, in his comments on the communique of the Paris summit M Giscard d'Estaing said: "I have noted

It is now clear that if the communiqué was so unproductive on the issue of energy, the reason was the desire of the Nine to avoid saying anything that would prevent the two Presidents from huilding on the common ground existing between France's insistence that oil consumers and pro-ducers should cooperate and the American insistence on selung up a common front of oil

consumers first.

The Elysée spokesman emphasized that there was "no incompatibility" between the he had been given a mandate in the American proposals an two standpoiots. It was merely

to speak with Mr Ford in the name of the EEC, M Giscard meeting between oil producers acceptable to both parties".

d'Estaing replied: "The only and consumers." According to sources, the preparatory work between the two governments on the Martinique summit indicates that the problem is virtually solved. The compromise that is expected to he reached, harring a last minute bitch, would involve a preparatory conference of experts representing producers, consumers, and developing countries early next year; a conference of consumer countries 10 work out a commoo position: and the tri-partite conference suggested by M Giscard d'Estaing at his

press conference in October.

club blast

and six years by a West Berila court today.

Syrian Air Force now superior to Egypt as Russians shift military power balance

By Our Foreign Staff

The Syrian Air Force is now higger and better than the Egyptian Air Force", according to Mr Yitzhak Rahin, the Israel Prime Minister.

Nations, be added out did not

Mr Rabin gave this assess-ment last night in an interview on the Thames Television programme People and Politics. He said both Syria and Iraq had deliberately been built no as military powers, since the October War, by the Soviet Union, in order "to build a substitute to Egypt, if not in the overall political interpretation, at least from the military interpretation vis-a-vis Israel".

This meant that there was now a possibility of war being initiated without Egypt "hy Syria or by the combination of Syria and Iraq and the so-called Prop."

Mr Rabin said be still be- context even of a peace treaty to war."-UPI.

the context of negotiations between Israel and Jordan". Prospects for movement towards peace bad been reduced by the Arah summit in Rahat, but still there is a possibility once the Arab world will realize that Israel will not negotiate with the PLO... Io a year or two the Arab world would realize "that their decision will bring the opposite of what they want. That the West Bank and the Gaza Strip will become more Israeli than they would bave come had they decided that

can and should be solved in

Jordan would continue to he the partner for negotiations. Mr Rabin said he hoped a with Egypt was now possible, but it was out of the question that Israel should go hack to ber

lieved the Palestinian issue which has not been tested certain period ".

Beirut, Dec 12.—The Slu Iran said in an interview lished today that another . Israel war would involve Muslim cnuntries and not the Arab states, Discussing with the Sha prospects of another war

editor and publisher of Be weekly Al Houradess as "Will the war include the Arab) Muslim countries al The Shah replied: tainly. It will be our war time. Nooe of us has a ch Iran is a non-Arab, M

"Israel has only twn alt accept implementation of UN resolutions through Geneva conference or any 1967 border with Egypt "in the way, or there is no alterr

Solzhenitsyn hopes of a return to Russia

Stockholm, Dec 12.-Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the exiled Soviet writer and Nobel prizewinner, said today that he lives with the continuous feeling and hope "that I must return to Russia one day ".

Speaking at a news conference lasting four hours in Stockholm's Grand Hotel, he disclosed that since his harrishment from the Soviet Union in February, the Justice Ministry had hinted that he might be allowed to return.
"If Solzhenitsyn asked

return, they foresaw no diffi-culties", the author said, add-ing: "These kind of statements cause perplexity in the West. Every Soviet minister will fabricate a lie.

"If they are serious about my return, let them publish my books and I will return."

Speaking on religion, Mr Solzbenitsyn said: For the East, hur also for the West, there is no salvation except moral and religious awakening." Soon after Mr Solzhenitsyn hegan his news conference, a rolled-up film screen in the hotel's mirror hall suddenly un-furled from the ceiling and its thick wooden base almost hit the author on the bead

Referring again to the question of moral revolution, he said: "As for my own country, let's not live with kies. If this method catches on, we will gradually change the situation." The use of physical revolution should stop throughout the world, since this method had never solved problems.—UPI.

Angry farmers drive their cattle to Washington

From Fred Emery Washington, Dec 12

Protesting South Dskota farmers today brought 47 bead of beef cartle into the beart of Washington penning them out-side the Agriculture Depart-ment. They challenged Mr Earl Butz, the Secretary of Agricul-ture, to try to make a profit by fattening them for market at current feed grain prices.

Mr Butz declined the offer, invoking a law prohibiting gifts. He did receive a deputation, however and announced that everybody was suffering from the "monster" of inflation. progress with their deman anti-competitive practices meat marketing. They were joined by sumer organization repres

The farmers expressed

satisfaction that they mac

tives who wanted to know both the customers and the ducers were losing. A sig one of the pens asserted the 19-mooth-old, 1,050 lb bad cost \$619 (about £27 raise and brought \$367.50 t farmer, hut would cost sumers \$63 at the meat cou

American jets must have warning device From Our Own Correspondent

Washington, Dec 12

A device called a "ground proximity warning system be obligatory equipment in American jet airliners next year, the Federal Aviation Admin-

istration has encounced.

The device can be installed much sooner than originally estimated, according to Mr Alex ander Butterfield, the FAA administrator. Congress had in-sisted on the device after the recent Trans World Airlines crash.

The new system will give visual and sound warnings to pilots to climb as soon as they fly helow the safe operating

State governor set to join nomination ra

From Our Own Correspond Washington, Dec 12

Mr Jimmy Carter, the going Democratic Govern Georgia, was set to anno later today that he is rut for his party's presid nomination in 1975.

He would be the se smong the predicted 21 challengers to make bis can ture official.

Mr Carter, aged 50, is a nut farmer and one of the g of the mid-sixties mode who gave rise to the term "New South", implying t accommodation and ecoo development.

From Dessa Trevisan Belgrade, Dec 12

Mr Mihajlo Mihajlov, the author of critical essays on communism, is to face trial on charges of hostile propaganda against the state.

The public prosecutor in Novi Sad, where Mr Mihajlov was arrested two months ago, alleges that in four articles published in a Russian émigré periodical, be gave a distorted picture of trends and events in Yugoslavia.

The trial had been set for next Thursday, but Mr Barovic, the author's counsel, asked for a postponement until next month to prepare the defence.
Article 118 of the penal code charged provides for a prison tute for literary research, t term from one to 1S years. never materialized. In 1966 Mr Mihajlov was sec-

tenced to one year in jail and in 1967 to three and a half years, also on charges of hostile propa-ganda. He left prison in 1970. He was also banned by the court from publishing for four years. To earn his livelihood he was, therefore, contributing to foreign publications.

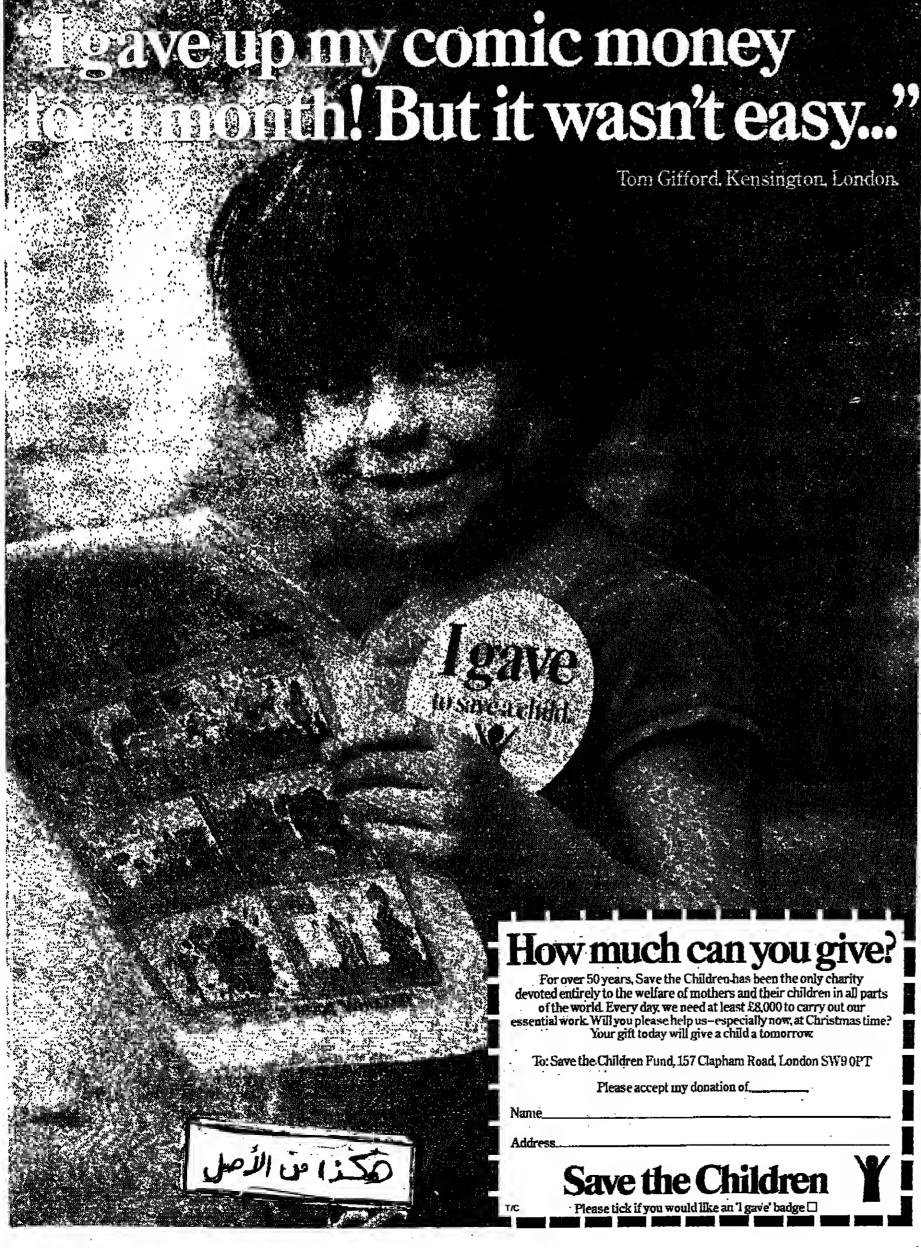
He was offered a post as a lecturer in Russian literature by various Western universities, hut all his attempts to get an exit visa failed. Last year he wrote to President Tito asking for either a job in Yugoslavia or a passport to go abroad. He

under which Mr Mihajlov is was promised a joh in an

The fact that he hega publish ahroad, before the expired, is now being take an aggravating circumstanc The four articles quote

the indictment were publi in American newspapers literary magazines and later reprinted in the Ru émigré journal Poseu, publi

in West Germany. The protion contends that Mr Mih: was contributing to the Ruémigré press. This may ind: that the case is based no what Mr Mibailov wrote bu where it was published.



Turkish Premier consults party eaders on foreign policy fter suspension of US arms aid

m Our Correspondent

cara, Dec 12 Ir Sadi Irmak, the acting American military aid. me Minister of Turkey, ay held a series of conferay held a series of conteres with party leaders to dis-storeign policy in the light he United States decision tu meantime, look for other sources for purchasing nif military aid to Turkey. Ir Irmak's Government was ised a rote of confidence in liament last month, but all party leaders said that they

ald support his Government foreign policy issues. Ir Suleyman Demirel, the rman uf the conservative ice Party, said: "Turkey lores the fact that Britain . Greece were instrumental Archbishop Makarios's re-10 Cyprus."

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elcomed in

r Vorster, the Smull can Printe Minister, who President Kannda of

bia is credited with being prime more; behind Rho-

a's three-point agreement the African nationalists, is

being urged to put his wn

nef Gatsha Buthelezi, the gulu leader, said today he nowledged the role played Mr Vorster to the Lusaka

loves .

Africa

n Our Corespondent

moesburg, Dec 12

re in urder.

paper Hurriyet said Turkey should now move to set up its own war industry and, "in the

sources for purchasing weapons."
Roger Berthoud writes from Brussels: Mr Callaghan, the British Foreign Secretary, today had a talk with Mr Esenbel, the Turkish Foreign Minister, on Cyprus. Later he met Mr Bitsios, the Greek Foreign Minister. Minister.
Mr Callaghan is understood

The Turkish press today Clerides, the Greek Cypriot cincized the suspension of leader, and Mr Rauf Deuktash, life Turkish Cypriot counter. The mass circulation newsper Hurriyet said Turkey

But Mr Esembel is believed to have rejected out that the return eriticized the suspension of have pointed out that the return to Cyprus of Archbishop Makarius has put Mr Clerides's validity as a negotiator in

Nicosia, Dec 12.—A hostile congregation forced the deposed Bishop Anthimos of Kitium to leave the Limassol cathedral

today, Bishop Anthimos is one of three bishops of the Greek Orthodox Church of Cyprus to have said that in the British view the stalled inter-communal fur their own illegal deposition talks between Mr Glafkos of Archbishop Makarios.—AP. deposed last year hy a synod

play its proper role and con-form to world trends, it should

free itself from "superpower manipulation and control". The Americans had spoken of

a "dangerous trend", Mr Huang Hua said. But in fact it

a healthy one.

not a dangerous trend hut

China joins in 'tyranny' dispute at the UN Nations and dune many things in contravention of the Charter, if the organization was now to

hy the Americans and West Europeans of this year's General Chinese representative, said the United Nations had long suf-

catalogue ntiations. He urged him to nv up his moves by releas-South African political de-

hope in the same spirit for passion for Bram Fisher aid. Mr Fisher, aged 66, failed leader of the banned b African Communist Party, ritically ill in a Pretoria ital. He was jailed for life

Norman Middleton, the leader of the Coloured our Party, called ou Mr ter to set up a national conion of black and white ars to map out the country's .! future.

ie could start with releas-Nelson Mandela," Mr lleton said. Mr Mandela, er of the banned African onal Congress, is serving a

hite Opposition leaders omed the Rhodesian omed the Rhodesian uncements. Sir De Villiers f, leader of the United y, said however: "Much ains to be done and we dd not he unduly dismayed urther setbacks occur." ir Colin Eglio, the leader of anti-apartheid Progressive ty, said that just as there been new initiatives to the h, so there bad to be new alives in relation to South New York, Dec 12

China last night joined in the counter attack of the developing countries against criticism Assembly, Mr Hilang Hua, the

was only the emergence and growth of the numerous coun-iries of the Third World since the Second World War, and this fered from the "tyranny of the minority, that is, the one or two super powers". These superpowers, he said, had made use of the United

Chinese change in US exhibition

From Patrick Brogan Washington, Dec 12

The Nationalist Chinese, the South Koreans, the Israelis and the South Africans got their chance to visit the Chinese exhibitio ntoday, with many hun-dreds of other people. The anathema issued by the Chinese Liaison Office bere on Tuesday kept them out of the press pre-view, which the National Gal-

The exhibition is oow opeo to all comers and queues are forming to see the Flying Horse and the jade suit of Princess Tou Wan.

The main difference is in the

The maio difference is in the catalogue and the labelling. The London catalogue is incompar-ably superior, but the Chinese found it ideologically impure, which is why they produced

their owo,
Only the photographs are the same, the most heautiful of them taken for *The Times* by Mr D. Witty and Mrs Christina

Gascoigne.
Some lucky people at today's opening had copies of the London book with them. Everyone else had to content himself with the Chinese book which, though full of information, gives less detail than the British one

Ir Smith's address to e people of Rhodesia

lishury, Dec 12.—Follow-is the text of his address te nation last night by Mr South, the Rhodesian Prime

ere have recently been a numf moves behind the scenes in
has become known as
ite in South Africa. These
is have been directed at bringto an end confrontation in
tern Africa and substituting in
a stead conditions in which
eful discussion of our affairs
mes the instrument whereby mes the instrument whereby rences can be resolved and the solution be found.

ere is, t am sure, no need for to spelt out the benefits for and white Rhodesians which d flow from a successful out-2 of these moves. It is very dy the Africans in the tribal lands in the north-eastern or area who have borne the d of the terrorist attacks.

e number of tribesmen who heen killed in the past two s is not far short of 200 and y thousands of them bave been

s is not far short of 200 and y thousands of them bave been gin fear of their lives during period. To afford protection hese people in these areas, able human and material urces have had to be diverted tour main task, which is no lop our country for the fit of all of its people. whing beyond our borders, we as neighbours, in addition to h Africa, three developing the with whom it is to our had advantage to cooperate to full. For these reasons I have omed the initiatives howards not which have recently been e in southern Africa and which the mouthern Africa and which the mouthern Africa and which the desian Government itself took bold initiadve in allowing ined African leaders to prolite Lusaka for discussions with ident Kaunda and his collust. During this period consalso took place between shory and Lusaka, but last kend it became clear that ous difficuloes had arisen, se were described in the statent issued by the Rhodesian ernment oo Saturday, Decem-7.

to exchanges have confiqued week and the difficulties I ementioned have now been lived. In particular, firstly, I e received assurances to the ct that terrorist acovities in desla will cease immediately, secondly, that the proposed stitutional conference will take e without any preconditions, coordingly, I have agreed to ase the African leaders from 2010 n and restriction, and their rase the African leaders from sodon and restriction, and their owers as well. They will he mitted to engage in normativity in terms of the laws applicate to all Rhodesians. I aming this action on the firm lerstanding that everyone conned will cooduct themselves cefulty and within the taw, s will, I believe, create the of atmosphere for the holding a constitutional coofereoce. In doubt there will be some ong you who will feel concerned the implications of these developments in the light of events in past decade, this is understand.

able. However, let me reassure you all, firstly, that it is your Government's firm intention to maintain law and order in Rhodesia. secondly, that we are not prepared to deviate from our standards of

to deviate from our standards or civilization.

There may be others who will be misled into thinking that the situation in Rhodesia today is comparable with that which existed in Mozambique before the coup in metropolitan Portugal last April. The fallacles and misconceptions in this line of thinking can be readily exposed, but this is not the occasion for me to enlarge on these differences. Let me assure you, differences. Let me assure you, bowever, that there is no possibility whatever of a similar train of events occurring bere in

Rhodesia.

There are two further words of warning which t believe are apprupriate this evening Firstly, although I have accepted in complete good faith the undertaking that acts of terrorism will cease immediately. It may take some time for this to be fully effective. People in the affected areas should therefore continue to take appropriate precautions.

therefore continue to take appropriate precautions.

Secondly, this announcement does not mean that a settlement has been achieved, and h certainly does not mean that sanctions are about to be lifted. On the contrary, it is of the greatest importance that in the coming months the security of commercial information should be carefully safeguarded. On similar occasions in the past, when settlement expectations have arisen, our economic effort has heeo prejudiced because of complacency and carelessness.

heeo prejudiced because of com-placency and carelessness.

Finally, t call upon all Rhodes-iuns of all races to accept the new situacion in our country, to put behind us the differences and the recriminations of the past and to

recriminations of the past and to look to the future.

I ask you to go out of your way to help create conditions of harmony and peace. We live in a world in which many countries are beset by famine and by imernat strife.

By contrast we have more than enough fined for our own require-

enough fnod for our own requirements and we are in a position to help alleviate misery and starvasinn elsewhere. Furthermore, our nwn internal race relations, despite current problems, are easier and more relaxed than in most countries which have different

racial communioes. Let us haild on this foundation. Let us all do our best th establish a climate of mutual respect in which constitutional matters can be discussed calmly and objectively in the hope that we shall be able to reach a scillement which will be in the lest interests of all Rhode-

is inc.

I make this appeal to you, believing that while this may turn out to be the first step towards out to be the major task will out to be the first step towards a settlement, the major task will lies ahead with many complex problems which will tax our ability, our padence and our strength. It will take the best of our well-known Rhodesian spirit and courage if we are to wio through. In the light of our mast history, I In the light of our past history, l do not believe that we shall be found wanting to this regard.—

Kurds say Iragis use phosphorus shells

By Edward Mortimer An 18-year-old Kurdish suldier

is being treated in a London buspital for severe burns, he-lieved to have been caused by a phosphoruus shell. Mr Zaltir Said, who spoke to me through an interpreter, was

me through an interpreter, was

brought to London on Monday from Teberan, where he bad been in a military hospital for 25 days. He was wounded on October 23 at Garu Omar Agha, in porthern Iraq, while fighting with the Kurdish Pesh Merga against Iraq Government forces.
A shell exploded near him with a very bright flash, Particles of a brightly-burning substance were thrown on to his skin. He rolled on the ground skin. He rolled on the ground and his companions threw sand and water over him. However, "it was just like throwing petrol on fire. It got worse Kurdish sources point out that the use of phosphorous projectiles, which they believe were supplied to Iraq hy the Soviet Union, is a clear breach of the Geneva Conventions, of

of the Geneva Conventions, of which both Iraq and the Soviet Uninn are signatories. With a fellow-soldier, Mr Mahmud Rashid, hit at the same time, he was taken first to the Kurdish central hospital near Chounian, then across the border to a better-equipped hospital in

Iran.
Mr Said, who is severely burned with his left ear lost and unable to close his left eye, will be in hospital three or four

President Ford's new chief of staff hopes to reverse past pattern of too much promise, too few results

Man who tries to defuse expectations

From Fred Emery

Washington, Dec t2
In the face of new criticism
that often borders on painful ridicule, President Ford last night stood his ground and modestly but firmly annunced he would not be rusbed. His speech on economic policy

to the massed ranks of company chairmen attending the Business Council was, beyond the technical points, clearly intended as a political and psychological political and psychological steadying touch. How it works is another ques-

tion. The latest lapel button to flourish among Democrats at Kansas City is symptomatic. It reads BATH (Back Again to Hoover), or back again to complacency in the face of economic collapse.

Mr Ford's style in bis first

100 days has been so different from Mr Nixon's—consultation all round, (excepting the par-don) and good fellow exhorta-tion—that he has been a woe-fully easy target. With the economic crisis deepening it is easy to suggest complacency.
But Mr Ford, from bis own

words and those of his closest advisers, seems to be about to do something more permanent— to try weaning Americans, and all others, from the Kennedy idea that the American Presi-

dent can do it all.

Last night he insisted that he would not go for the "quick fix" just for the sake of action. He announced that the "economic rules of the economic game are not going to be changed every other month". Above all, it seemed, he wanted to get over



Mr Donald Rumsfeld: "You by consent.

the idea that it was not just up to the President or Gorernment, but everyone to keep the faith and revive confidence.

The idea that expectations can be defused, at the same time as confidence is rerived, is pro-pounded by the men around Mr Ford, and none more passion-ately so than Mr Donald Rums-The new White House chief of

staff is putting the finishing touches to a Ford staff reorganization, and if he is to he heliered it will he the obverse of a Kennedy-Johnson operation which had too much prontise and too few results, in bis view. In ardent discussion in the

west wing Rooseveli Room the other day, Mr Rumsfeld insisted that the President and his closest advisers were indeed aware of the problems, as well as the ridicule in the air.

He sounded pained but would make no counterattack. Instead, he insisted that the important thing was " to do what is right" and "to do what echieves results". Without mentioning the name Kennedy, he senffed at those who placed all value nn effort and activity without reeard for results.

Mr Rumsfeld also pleaded for some understanding of the lack of preparation Mr Ford and his men had had for assuming office from Mr Nixon, and implicitly, for the mess they had inherited. Mr Rumsfeld, himself a former Congressional ally of Mr Ford's in the mid-sixties, insisted that the President had "consumate skill in dealing with a Democratic Congress". The vist Democratic majorities in the new Congress ahead did not

make him despair. But he kept coming hack to his theme that too much was expected of the President, that there was too little realization that problems existed to which there might be no solutions or that solutions hitherto advocated and pursued might turn out to be disastrously wrong.

The message is not inspirational, but the intent, if it can be heard amidst the doomsaying clamour, is 10 be reassuring. Mnre will be heard, and expected, of Mr Rumsfeld,

Mr Whitlam seeks British curb on envoys

From Our Correspondent

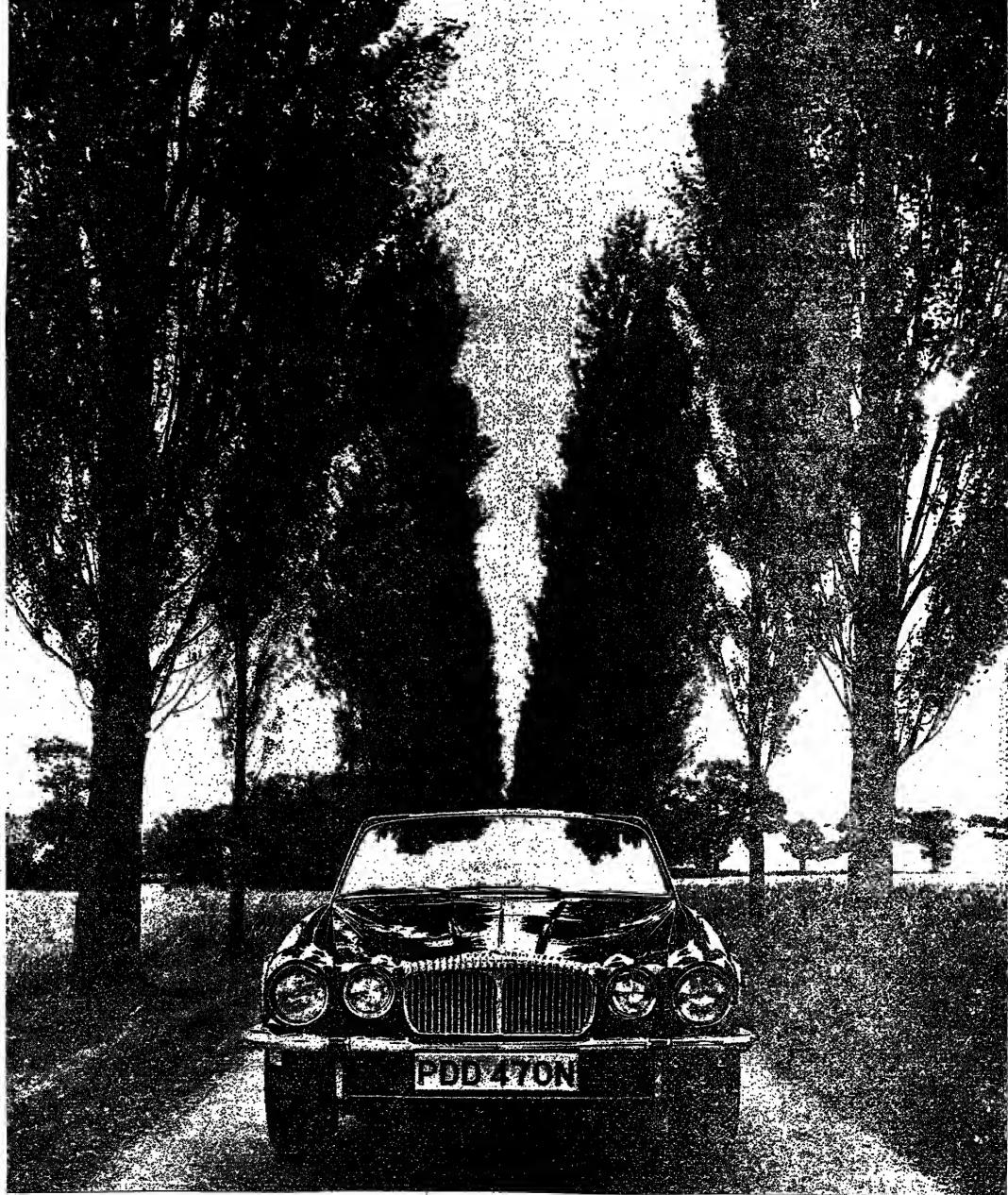
Melbourne, Dec 12 Mr Gough Whitlam, the Prime Minister, leaves Australia on Saturday on an extensive over-seas tour which will last five weeks and take him to 14

One of the aspects of his journey to which Mr Whitlam attaches the utmost importance relates to the status in London nf the representatives of the rarious Australian state governments. The Prime Minister will ask the British Government to place severe restrictions on these representatives. He will ask Mr Wilson to restrict the access of state Agents-General to the Brinsh Government and to Euckingham Palace.
Earlier this year state Agents-Control water swinned of certain

namer this year state Agents-General were stripped of certain diplomatic immunities and privileges, they held in Britain. If Mr Whillam has his way, state Agents-General will have no more status than the London. no more status than the Loodon-representatives of Australian companies. The Prime Minister's moves will amagonize the state premiers, particularly Mr. Bjelke Petersen, the Queens land Premier, who is especially sensitive on the issues of state rights and sovereignty.

Mr Bjelke-Petersen's move-

to invest the Queen as Queen in Oncensland is regarded by Canberra as a device to permit Queensland to deal with Britain on a government to governnieni hasis.



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From Peter Hazelburst Tokyo, Dec 12 As Mr Takeo Miki, the new Prime Minister of Japan, asked buffed his call for a dialogue with labour and threatened to launch a strike early next year in support of claims that could iocrease the national wage bill by 25 per cent.

At a televised press conference, Mr Miki promised to give priority to curbing inflation and fighting social injustices. He

Solvo (the General Council of Trade Unions) who said that they Trade Unions) who said that they In an attempt to consolidate had "no illusions about the new the impression that he would in

left-wing organization which would tighten the anti-monopoly in forced industry to raise the laws.

national wage hill by more than Turning to the energy crisis. national wage hill hy more than Turning to the energy crisis 30 per cent last spring, told a Mr Miki hinted that he did not meeting of labour leaders today support the United States plan

between the Government and their de labour, unless the Government East oil.

put forward tangible and acceptable (that is socialist) : proposals

He anden, that Soliyo was not the nation today to help his inflexible but it would go ahead a Government to fight inflation with its plans to join unand recession, the country's organized labour and smaller largest and most powerful trade unions to promote a strike for i union organization. Solvo, re an indefinite period in April.

Earlier today Mr Miki said that the country had entered the most difficult period since the end of the war but he was confident that it would nide over the crisis.

He promised to set up a special panel to study inflation and a newly established also promised to publish a forum of economic ministers detailed list of his personal would examine social welfare would examine social welfare assets.

His future motto would be: country, however, that the limit"Honesty, sincerity and clean ations on oudgetary outlays'
politics." Pleading for the would prevent the Government nation's cooperation he pointed from taking drastic steps in 1975

out that the Government would find itself incapable of ruling if it did not receive the crust of the people.

It became, however, clear later today that Mr Miki's promises failed to impress the leaders of Sohyo (the Constal Council of

Cabinet ". oppose any excesses by big husi-Mr Makoto Ichikawa, the ness in future. Mr Miki prochairman of Solivo, a powerful mised to introduce a Bill which 🖎

that Solvo would confront the for a conference of industrialized oil consuming nations. He supported a dialogue hetween consumers and producers but he would not respond to the Prime pointed out that the United Minister's call for a dialogue Stares and Japan oiffered in between the Government and their dependence on Middle

50 troops die in Mr Wilbur Mills's friend **S Vietnam** helicopter crash

is charged
From Our Own Correspondent
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New York, Dec 12 Saigon, Dec 12.—A giant helicopter transporting South Vietnamese troops to a battle-field in the Mekong delta Miss Fanne Foxe, the Argentine nightcluh stripper who led to the downfall of Mr

who led to the downfall of Mr crashed today, killing all 50 Wilbur Mills, the outgoing people on board. Military chairman of the House of Repsources said that it might have chairman of the House of Kepresentatives ways and means committee, was arrested in Sanford, Florida, early this morning and charged with indecent exposure.

The sources been shot flown.

Most regular communist units in Vietnam are now equipped with heat-seeking SA7 Grail portable surface-to-air missile portable surface-to-air missile launchers, which are able to indecent exposure.

Mr Jack Fulenwider, the assistant State Attorney, tolo reporters that Miss Foxe, whose launchers, which are able to shoot down aircraft flying below

real name is Señora Annabella Bartistella, had been completely

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Mrs Betty Ford, wife of the American President, is surrounded by children of members of the Washington diplomatic corps at a Christmas party she gave in the White House.

Ottawa disregarded police warning on Soviet 'spy'

From Our Correspondent

Ottawa, Oec 12
A disclosure that the External A disclosure that the External Affairs Department granted 8 visa to an alleged Soviet spy in defiance of a recommendation by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, is expected to provoke Opposition demands in the House of Commons for an explanation

planation.
Mr Alexander Gresko was one of 90 Soviet diplomats and officials expelled from Britain in 1971 accused of espionage Earlier this week, it was dis-closed that he had been admitted to Canada as a Soviet attache for the 1976 summer Olympic Games in Montreal. He has since disappeared and is believed to have gone back.

real name is Señora Annabella (S,000 ft.)

Eattistella, had been completely naked during a performance.

The owner of the nightclub also bad been arrested and charged with the promotion of an indecent show. Both he and Miss Foxe were released on bail (S,000 ft.)

Military officers said that the since disappeared and is bedistrict capital of Tanh Linh, 73 miles north-east of Saigon, chief Superintendent Murray Sexsmith said in Toronto yesterday that the force's security service, after being asked by the External Affairs Department.

had advised that Mr Gresko should not be given a visa.
Superintendent Sexsmith said that the RCMP had information on Mr Gresko, but refused to give any details, except to re-peat "What Is publicly known about Mr Gresko—the fact that be is a KGB (Soviet secret

police) staff officer ".

Less than a month ago, Mr Gresko posed for pictures with Mr Trudeau, the Prime Mini-ster, at the latter's office during an ice-hockey sweater exchange. On Tuesday, in the Commons, Mr Trudeau said, in answer to a question, that the External Affairs Department as well as the RCMP "are aware, and were aware, of the identity of Mr Gresko".

Mr Gresko is general secretary of the Soviet National Olympic Committee and is in-volved in planning for the 1980 summer games in Moscow.

Canadian oil export ban strains **US** ties

From Our Corersponnent Ottawa, Dec 12

Relations between Canada and the United States appear to be heading into a period of strain and some Canadians are con-cerned that the underlying layer of goodwill is starting to wear a little thin. The latest and potentially the

most explosive issue is the Canadian decision to cut off oil exports to the Mid-West region of the United States by 1983. Exports this year beve been averaging 200,000 barrels a day. By the end of 1975 the flow will be down to 650,000 barrels daily and it will steadily decline after

The United States reaction, though restrained at the Administration level, will no doubt grow in intensity as the Canadian curbs begin to bite.

Whole areas of the Midwest have become dependent on Alherat for their oil, and a number of refineries have beec built on the expectation that those supplies would cootinue uninterrupted.

Explanations that Canada is fast losing its self-sufficiency in oil, and simply will have none m export unless more reserves are discovered, bave proved largely funle so far.

Mr Trudesu's recent visit to Washington, and his talks with President Ford and congres-sional leaders, failed to defuse

the issue. Senator Walter Mondale, a liberal Oemocrat from Minnesota, has said that Canadian-American relations could become ngly because of Canadian

policy.
Some senators and congressmen already are urging the Administration to retaliate against Canada for heavily tax-

against Canada for heavily taxing oil exports to the United States. A spokesman for one legislator said Washington should go for Canada's jugular by taxing oil fed from western Canada to eastern Canada through a pipeline partially situated on American soil. The export tax Canada levies is the difference between \$6.50 per barrel ceiling maintained on oil sold in Canada and the world price of \$11.70, or around \$5.20

price of \$11.70, or around \$5.20 a barrel. The proceeds are used to subsidize sales of foreign oil in Quebec and the Maritime provinces, not served by the pipeline.
The dispute over oil exports

cotoes at a time when Canada and the United States are in open conflict over the transborder mest trade, with America baying retaliated against Cana-dian quotas on beef and cattle by restricting imports of the same products from Canada as well as pork and swine.

Astronauts will inspect Soyuz next May

From Edmund Stevens Moscow, Dec 12

ing to General Sbatalov, who is in charge of the Soviet part of the project.

He was replying at a press conference to a question from an American correspondent who referred to an American space official's complaint that American astronauts and technicians had been barred from seeing the Soyuz and that access to Soviet space facilities was restricted in comparison with the freedom the Americans gave to visiting Russian cosmonauts.

The press conference was held at Star City, the Soviet space centre near Moscow, with Colonel Anatoly Filipenko and Mr Nikolai Rukavsbnikov as the

stars. They talked about their recent mission on board the Soyuz 16, which was a prepara-tion for the joint mission. Mr Rukayshnikov, in reply to Moscow, Dec 12

American astronauts will be able to inspect and familiarize themselves with the Soyuz 16, which was a preparation for the joint mission.

Mr Rukavshnikov, in reply to questions, described the method used on the Soyuz 16 to practise for docking with the American Apollo craft. He said central Asia next May, according to General Sbatalov, who is in charge of the Soyiet part of a ring used as a model of Apollo a ring used as a model of Apollo to books on the Soyuz.
"We turned on and off

various components of the docking mechanism, first pushing the ring away from the ship, and then drawing it hack towards it", he said. "When these tests were completed, we made our final test of the docking system, checking to see how it would function in case a sudden emergency required un-docking. It worked fine. The press conference con-

formed to the apparent new Soviet policy of releasing more information about the Soyuz 16 mission

New York cash crisis makes 8.000 redundant From Our Own Correspondent

New York, Dec 12

Nearly 8,000 employees of
New York City are to lose their
jobs in a drastic series of cuts announced by Mr Abe Beame, the mayor. Those losing their jobs will include policemen, fire-

men, dustmen, teachers and librarians. The dismissals are the result of a serious financial crisis in the city, which was expected to bave a budget deficit of some \$430m (£190m) in the current fiscal year.

There have been angry reactions from the unions. Mr Victor Gotbaum, director of the Municipal Employees Union, said: "The mayor is putting the economy completely on the backs of the workers." The United Federation of Teachers described the dismissals as

Greater powers urged for **United Nations**

Oslo, Dec 12.—Mr Sean MacBride, a former Foreign Minister of the Irish Republic, mday called for reforms of the United Nations to make it mora effactive as an instrument for peace and human rights.

Mr MacBride, who shared the 1974 Nohel Peace Prize with Mr Eisaku Sato. a former

Mr Eisaku Sato, a former Japanese Prime Minister, said that fundamental changes involving partial surrender of sovereignty should be envisaged. Giving his Nobel lecture at the Nobel Institute in Oslo, Mr MacBride called for the provi-sion of conciliation machinery that would automatically initiate discussions and mediation where ever the likelihood of a conflict could be foreseen.

The Secretary-Geoeral should also be given authority to send fact-finding missions in cases involving gross violations of human rights-Reuter.

Nine killed in riots over U Thant's burial

fire during yesterday's riots in Rangoon as mobs ottacked police pagoda, Burma's most sacred stations and Government offices. Euddhist shrine. Rangoon as mobs ottacked police An official statement said to-night that the police were forced to open fire to protect them-

Rangoon, Dec 12. — Nine family's wishes. Police and people were killed and 74 troops escorted U Thant's rewounded when police opened laws to a new student mausoleum to a new site four miles away, near the Shwedagon

According to police estimates the rioters, numbering some thousands, destroyed the Gov-ernment's Road Transport Cor-

The State Council yesterday the former United Nations Sec-retary-General, in defiance of his goon Reuter.

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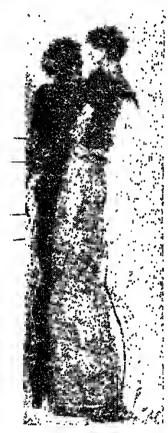
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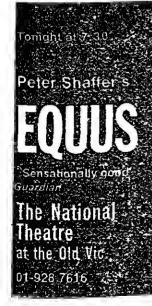
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The view of the first generation

"You can't teach talent", de-clared Lev Kulesboy, the first man to assault the problems of teaching cinema. All that a film school can hope to do, be dis-covered, was to provide the best conditions for talent to develop and mature, to generate e favourable atmosphere of mutual encouragement and stimulation, to belp the artist overcome the purely mechani-cal and organizational problems of technique and money which can place such formidable ob-stacles between intention end

creation.
Kuleshov's film workshops, which were ultimately to bear fruit both in the achievements of the early Soviet cinema and in the creation of the first film school in the world, the Moscow Film Institute, were created more than 50 years ago. We in Britain finally got our National Film School in 1970, following the recommendations of the the recommendations of the Lloyd Committee, set up in 1966. (Before this, it is fair to remember, besides film activity in art schools and polytechnics, the Loodon Film School was operating with minimal resources and occasionally brillians results.

The National Film School took its first students in 1971, so that the first graduates have sional employment. At the National Film Theatre next week the public can see some of the work—raw exercises or diploma films—that have been made in the course of the past three years.

The first impression of their

considerable hulk of film (some 20 hours distributed between 10 programmes) is the freedom and variety of the work. This certainly might be expected to follow from the freedom of the school's curriculum. After the initial year in which students are encouraged to gain e basic grounding in all aspects of filmmaking, the student is fairly making, the student is fairly free to allocate his time he-

shown at the NFT from the more common obsessions of student film-makers—latter-day Godard

de- meotaries in street markets. The first overall feeling of urbanity in the NFS work is striking.

Among the films screened, there appears to be a distinctive bias to actuality and a superior style of television reportage with (as might be expected) e strong social commitment. Nicholas Broomfield (who is already directing for Granada TV) bas recorded the elusive mores and sentiments of the British middle classes in the admirable Proud to be British (screened at last year's London Film Festival) year's London Film Festival) and oow appears as a collaborator on Miners' Newsreel (shot during the three-day week period! and director of Behind the Rent Strike, which contains some hrilliantly perceptive record, ootably a sequence shot in a school, of the social background to a rent strike et Kirkby near Liverpool.

Kirkby, near Liverpool. Talent, and something more, will out. Among the rest of the reportages is Dear Mr Barber, I'd Like to Swim the Channel, directed by Ben Lewin (now working for BBC's Nationwide). This is not the first or last film about a Channel attempt; hut Lewin has a rare talent for catching the quirks of word and gesture. The struggles and failure of a 13-year-old aspirant, and the pathetic amateurism of the Channel-swimming "in-dustry", become a melancholy comedy with even a hint of Olmi, as the little enterprise struggles garrulously from fully

to folly.

Perhaps the stress oo realism is coonected with what Professor. Young, principal of the NFS, seex as "their higgest inhibition: dealing with acmrs. I mention this because it soon became abundantly clear that insecurity in this regard led most students to attempt to hide behind the technological problems involved rather than face bead-on the need to develop ways of moving from a fiction free to allocate his time hetween the five main activities formances and interpretations of the school: "technical" or "conceptual" training in a workshop; screenings, discussions and other more theoretical activities: personal or main to be moving from a fiction script to the screen via the performances and interpretations provided by the cast." There are dramatic exercises and more ambitious acted films (I have not been able to see the school's sions and other more theoretical activities; personal or group production; crew work on a school production; or attachment to a professional production or company.

It is a system clearly aimed at mature students, and the average age of the students at the NFS is 26, with some individuals aged 40 or more This. duals aged 40 or more. This Jancso's indicated by the earlier probably explains also the comparative freedom of the films tribute to the bandsome photography of Denis Borrow and John Sharrad.

film-makers—latter-day Godard
imitation, grim introspections dramatic essay is Horse-boy into late adolescent socio-sexual hang-ups, or dart-and-zoom docu-

vision series Ski Boy, it is a quite funny pastiche of the slick techniques and ersotz seotiments of television series drama, with even its own built-in commercial break. As a

school film it invites interesting speculations: were the film-makers expressing their fears that they too might fall into this sort of film-making, or are they advertising their skill in doing so? It takes all sorts to make a school, and the National Film

School, and the National Film School shows its ability to accommodate a lot of tastes and temperaments. Brian Huherman (who photographed Dear Mr Barber . . .) has worked out an obsession with The out an obsession with The Alamo in an ingenious, passionate restaging, using models and feature film extracts. Dennis Lowe's Temptas reveals a technical wizardry far beyond any student expectations, though the literary content—"a view of the inter-relationships hetween Man and God as visualized through the myths that surround creation"—rather over-reaches itself. reaches itself.

A lot of the work patently consists of exercises, experiments or simple failures. Some is predictably tiresome or preientious. All of it, though, has the supreme attraction of bright

The indefatigable Gate Cinema, Notting Hill, is presenting a series of classic comedies through the Christmas season. The rarest is Buster Keaton's The Sapheod: the Gate's claim that it has not been seen for 50 years is true if you except a few National Film Theatre screenings. It is a charming oddity, though it would be a mistake from all points of view to go expecting one of the great Keaton comedies of his maturity.

The comedian had little to do with the conception of the film, which was based on a stage success of 1913, The New Henrietto, in which Douglas Fair-hanks had made such a success had be a success to the the Helling Henrietto. that be was brought to Holly-wood to make a film version, The Lamb. According to Keatoo it was in fact Pairbanks and Mary Pickford who suggested him for the role in this second film version.

It is a mildish sort of comedy, about the fool of the family who, on his very first visit to the Stock Exchange, thwarts the villain and saves the family fortunes. It gives Keaton only limited comic opportuni-

ties, apart from a very charac-teristic scene in which—anxious to prove himself a playboy in the sperial strategic and technical problems of sbooting a film abroad (in Switzerland) to prove himself a playbowith non - English - speaking actors. As a parody of the teletries vainly to get himself arrested in a club raid; and some elegant acrobatic comedy in the stock market scenes. The three great Harry Lang-don shorts which the Gate is

showing — Trump, Trump,
Trump. The Strong Man and
Long Pants (the last two both
directed by the young Frank
Capra)—should merit Langdon a revival comparable with Keaton's. Langdon who came like most of his great cootemporaries from vaudeville, is weirder than the rest. He is on the one hand a kind of pierric lunoire, on the other an elderly bahy. His clothes are baby-like—riny books on turned-out feet, a squashed little bat that sits where it has been perched on top of bis head, with a kiss-curl creeping under it; flared haggy trousers: an outgrown jacket with six buttons, the top one done up somewhat awry at his wisbone, so that it sticks out below, over his plump little body. His arms are stiff like a baby's and will oot lie flat

Like a haby be seems always to be being picked up and put down, dressed (by his boss in The Strong Man) or undressed by a floozie in the same film: his sexual encounters are par-ticularly odd). If he does manage to attend to himself (rubbing his chest, for instance, with Limburger cheese under the impression that it is a cold cures, it is with the absorbed. solemn, crroneous care of a little child. And his mischief, is like a child's: The Strong Man opeos with Harry as a First World War soldier, gleefully hombarding the Boche with ration biscuits hurled from a catapult.

The supporting programmes are made up of W. C. Fields' two-reelers which concentrate his comedy to a degree which could be positively dangerous to the too-ahandoned laughter-Pool Sharks (a silent from 1915 and his great days as a vaude-ville star; and The Golf Speciolstage acts. The Dentist, The Pharmocist (in which a proto-typical Fields infant devours the family capary, coughing a little on the feathers) and The Barber Shop look like sketches for the great, anarchic features that were to follow. The Fatal Glass of Beer is utter foolishonly treasure every screen moment of the Great Disreputable.

David Robinson

Return to opera at the Coliseum

the two scheduled perform. This has been insisted on by ances of The Barber of Seville Charles Mackerras, the musical before Christmas. Fortunately director of the ENO, and there the production is not a compli-cated one, although there will he considerable pressure on our Rosina and our Almaviva, both of whom are new to their roles in London. The revival of The Mastersingers, all being well, will go ahead on New Year's Eve, and we are planning the new The Magic Flute, which has been possessed division.

which has been postponed dur-ing the dispute with NATKE for the middle of January". There is pleasure that the Coliseum, which bas been closed since the dismissal of closed since the dismissal of 46 stage staff after the curtailed performance of The Bassarids on October 31, looks as though it will be back in husiness once more. But the wounds of the past six weeks are very far from being healed. The management of the Coliseum was sharply criticized in the report made public vesterthe report made public yester-day, of the Conciliation Board, formed from representatives of NATKE and the Society of

West End Theatre Managers. Lord Harwood feels that there should have been the right of reply at least.
"We were not asked to make any observations on the criti-cisms made of the running of the Culiseum and of the dispute with the suspended members of the stage staff. And that is rather startling. The board has every right to come to wbatevec conclusions it chnoses, but I would have been happier if we had been asked for a comment. I'm also told that it is rare for such a board to make all its findings available to the press."

The ENO's own board met on Wednesday evening and decided that more inquiries must

Valentino Award

Today in Rome Stanley Baker will receive the Rudolf

Valentino Award for outstanding contributions to the film industry over the past 20 years.

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Barring accidents opera will he set up. They have asked be back on stage at the Coliseum next week. Lord Harewood, managing director of the
Eoglish National Opera, said
yesterday, "We bope to put on
formance of The Bassarids. have been suggestions that he would resign and take other senior members of the Coli-seum staff with him if the matter were allowed to be

Aida.

Royal Northern College

When you bave a (hy conserva-

tory standards) large modern opera theatre to play with, it

would be a cowardly conserva-

tory that did not make full use

of it. The Royal Northern Col-

lege of Music in Manchester bas

already brought an impressive

modern operatic repertory to

London; earlier this year they

beat Wexford to it with Massenet's Thais, and this week

they are really pushing the boat

out with nothing less spectacu-

lar and demanding than Verdi's

Most opera schools (outside

Bloomington, Indiana, which de-

pends for main roles on its vocal

professors, who are experienced international stars) would re-

gard a student Aida as fame-

spurred foolhardiness. But there

spurred foolhardiness. But there is virtue in daring (Cocteau's "knowing just bow far to go too far"), so long as the dare can be brought off. John Manduell and Joseph Ward, his opera organizer, bave hrought Aida off, with a double cast in most principal roles, and a large student chorus bolstered by the Rhos Male Voice Cboir. This Aida (further performances and

of Music

William Mann

swept under the carpet. The Arts Conneil has been requested by the ENO board to set up another investigation into the criticisms made of the Coliseum in the SWETM/ NATKE report.

Lord Harewood yesterday regretted that little comment had come from the theatre during the time it had been closed.

"After the curtailment of The Bassarids we had immediate contact with NATKE and withcontact with NAIRE and within a few days we had reached a procedural agreement with the secretary of the union, but this was rejected by the suspended staff here by a large majority. Clearly we could not say anything that might in any way up-

"But I am well aware of the barm that the closure has done us. The public's confidence has clearly sufferad. All permanent companies rely on an audience which believes that what you are doing is worthwhile and that it is going to happen. We've simply got to reengage the sympathy of the public and there is no short cut to that, although I believe that nur revival of Mastersingers and the two new productions. productions next month, The Magic Flute and Der Rosen-kapalier, are certainly going to

belp.

"We're only a day late on that is going Peter Pan, and that is going into rebearsal on stage imme-

John Higgins

Stanley Baker is in Spain where he has just completed filming The Mark of Zorro and is now making Pepito Jiminez with Sarah Miles. He is expected to return to Londoo at the end of January.

Early Music Consort Queen Elizabeth Hall

Thomas Walker

The Early Music Consort led a whirlwind tour of European courts through four centuries on Wednesday, and Queen Eliza-beth Hall could hardly bave accommodated more, or more enthusiastic, tourists. Our five clever guides began their trip through time with the relatively recent and familiar: madrigals both in ready supply. The and frottolas from Renaissance occasional presence of a vocal Italy, songs Emperor Maximilian I might have heard, villancicos

Rhos Male Voice Choir. This Aido (further performances in December 14, 17, and 21) is grand, full of stylish detail, and thoroughly stirring. To remind us all that this college is genuinely royal, tha first performance, on Wednesday, was attended by the Duchess of Kent, who is the college's president. dent. Aido is a sumptuous sing for chorus and a thrilling play for an orchestra during the Triumph Scene and a few times

else. But chiefly it is about more intimate political and personal interplay (as the excellent unspectacular current Welsh National production reminds us). Lanceford Roberts, Radames in both casts, was in duty bound to sing a handsome "Celeste Aida" and be did; he remained impressive, not subtle hut a pleasure to bear and watch, until the end of a long The Ramfis in this cast, role.

John Rath, was vocally his

and other Spanish trifles from the turn of the sixteenth

After drinks and coffee we

sped back over the Tinctoris watersbed; the eminent fift-eenth-century theorist asserted

that nothing much before Dufay was worth listening to, past the Burgundian court of Philip the Good and the Papal Schism to the ubiquitous feudal art of the

To sustain such a varied pro-

gramme with only four players

and a singer requires showman-ship as well as musicianship;

Munrow and his friends bave

ensemble would have provided a welcome change of perspec-

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

century.

trouvères.

match in power and quality, and indeed gave a gripping impersonation of the priest, a Francis Durbridge proto-Sbuisky, a gleefully pre-datory vulture bebind the mask

The red-headed, no more than sun-tanned Aida, Alison Jack, began quietly, not quite precisely, but warmed to her task, leading the triumphal ensemble strongly, negotiating "O patria mia" expertly, and goading Radames into treachery with dangerous fluency. Barnes's mezzo seemed unready to project the jealous passion of Amneris, though she acted her crucial interviews with Aida and Radames quite brilliantly: now and then she revealed a strong chest voice and easy top register. Much the same could be said of David Marsh's Amonasro, enjoyable when be could he heard, a dramatic force all the time. The off-stage Priestess, Elaine Turner, was strong, cogent singer from whom we shall surely hear again.

The standard of stage pre-sence, judicious reaction to the turn of events, and appreciation of character, was unusually high throughout. The cast must have been helped by attractive well-made costumes (the work of Juanita Waterson, who also designed the skilfully adaptable, historically fascinating settings) and by the exemplary produc-tion of Arthur Hammond who must know Aida as intimately as any musician in the world, who knows also bow drama is enhanced by immobility when music must sustain the action, and bow continuity can be visu-ally belped by bringing on cbaracters for the next scene just before the pravious nne is over. The ballets were possibly the most unpretentiously apt and pleasing I bave ever seen in an Aida, even if the one in the Triumph Scene appeared to bave been imported from

Richard Hickox, who conducted, often seemed an accompanist inattentiva to his singers, doggedly sustaining tempi too slow for their vocal powers (and sometimes, the music's needs). He got a firm, resonant sound from bis studen orchestra and held the big ensembles together as firmly as his reputation had as firmly as the reputation had led one to expect. No doubt this Aida will surface again somewhere: it would be wasteful to let something, actually as well as potentially, so admirable, vanish after only four performances. I would love to see it

tive, and occasionally more than that, as in Binchois's oft-performed "Files a marier", much of whose pungency derives from an imitative duet.

Yet Tames Bowman's counter tenor provides such an exquisite vehicle for early song that it would be churlish to complain. The voice is often cool, even deliberately unexpressive, to match the technically flawless surface and suave, tossed-off phrasing of his accompanists: a policy decision, perhaps, to prefer nobile sprezzatura to fire. He and they occasionally gave way to more inward, reflective interpretations, nowhere more perfectly than in Dufay's deeply felt motet on the fall of

presents...Melissa BBC I Stanley Reynolds

What an enterprising idea of the

BBC to remako Melissa, updated, and in colour of course, and bow churlish of some television critics to yawn just because they saw it back in 1965 remember whodunnit. Those of us who don't know have been glued to our seats these past two weeks.

How does he do it, people usually ask of Durbridge. Well, it is rather patently obvious how Mr Durbridge does it. He is plainly and simply a master of mystery. It is such a blatant technique, creating a corpse, in this case the Melissa of the title,

and then shrouding everything in the most mind-spinning and complex mystery that it is rather like a lesson in how to write successful murder stories. But there is a catcb. You must

also untangle the web. And here it is where the men are separated from the boys, and Mr Durhridge from the mundane writers of 'tecs and thrillers. Others could perhaps ravel but can they unravel like Mr Dur-hridge does? Peter Barkworth, the mild-

mannered hero of Melissa, is obviously caught in a devilish frame-up. A mysterious phone call from his dead wife leads him to his country cottage where, lo and bebold, the corpse of young Mary Antrobus (Zuleika Rohson) turns up. People, for no apparent reason, pretend to be somehody else, and other people whom our hero

does not know, pretend they know him. It has a nightmare quality, a touch of the Franz Kafkas—no wonder Durbridge is a great favourite on German telly. This week, in the second

episode, I was sure we would be seeing some light of the end of the tunnel. But no: Dur-bridge's labyrinth kept on winding, taking its most tricky turning at the very end just before the credits roll and still

We have oot even learnt why anyone should want to kill Melissa. Even the most cunning of mysiery men usually ler you know that the corpse was ricb, a mean old map with many ecemies, or some such motive. Come to think of it, I'm not sure that Melissa is dead. At to wake our hero up declaring "and it was all a dream".

Jack and the Beanstalk

Irving Wardle

Henry Livings is a playwright of many talents, but story-telling is not one of them, as he provas yet again in this garbled telling of a fine old tale.

For a start, true to the anti-feminist hias of the North, he casts Jack's mother as the ogre. Rosemary Leach plays ber as a luxury-bingo matron, all smiles and genteel vowels to the house and a tyrant to ber ragged son, whom she dispatches on mission after mission up the dreaded stalk to satisfy her insatiable greed.

In itself, the situation is richly farcical and full of hideously recognizable strokes of domestic hlackmail. Miss Leach's merry widow is also well-matched against Geoffrey Larder's Jack, a squelched rebel who starts winning only when he escapes ber clutch.

All this, interspersed with song interludes in Mr Livings's Pongo style, is fresh and funny, but it plays havor with the main story. Who cares about the defeat of the fairy-tale ogre when the real one down below is collecting all the loot? To make things worse, the tale is embellished with a long incompreheosible mime about the ogre's exploitation of the family, and arising to convert the piece. and aiming 10 convart the piece into a fable nn greed. Noosense

again, as Jack is the greediest of the lot. He releases the golden goose (now his mother's property), but takes good care hang on to the magic harp and the ogre's mansion for bim-

As the harp is left lying around the stage for anybody to swipe, there is some doubt about this last bit of avarice. But it turns out to be one of the many loose ends in Matyelok Gibbs's production, which presents the stalk-climbing like a bungled rope-trick, and polishes off the ogre and his blameless wife in a moment of benighted confusion. The sbow bas some good jokes, and effective audience participation, but it does not live up to the ritle.

Concertgebouw Piano Ouartet Purcell Room

The Concertgebouw Piano

Stanley Sadie

Quartet, an accomplished ensemble from the Netherlands, offered an unusually enterpris-ing programme on their London debut on Wednesday: two contemporary works, one rarity and one piece of standard fare. They were bold to open with a quartet, written for them only last year, by a Duich composer Henk Badings: hold particularly

hecause it starts so unpromis-ingly, with a Lento movement— full of devices like barmonics. col legno, pizzicato and tremo-lando, but empty of musical invention—which sounds like a slow introduction cunningly designed to focus attention on

what lies ahead; only, unfortunately, the ensuing Presto is a mere floorish, about one mioute long.
The Adagio which follows is

good deal more arresting: an arch-shaped movement at whose high point the music flowers into intense roulades for the violin, densely built from motivic material and supported by rich textures. The effect is passionate, almost exotic. The finale again seems to fall back heavily nn device, like left-band pizzicato strumming and bouncing bows (noth col legno and the normal way up); at the eod it partakes, not altogether con-vincingly, of a folky pentatonic flavour. The work holds together well enough, once past the opening con-movement, him sounds too much like invented music.

ful and energetic, rather thinly composed (much of the string writing is in bare octaves), oot always strong oo continuity or discriminating in its material. hut with a certain naturalness and invoulse.

Mahler's quarter movement, written when he was 16, bad its second South Bank outing within four days; these Dutch players did it rather soberly, 1 throught, without much youth-ful excitement, and they let it sag in its rhythmically square passages. The music is often Brahmsian, and surprisingly dense in its use of motif al-though the motif is never harnessed to propel the music forward. Finally real Brahms, the C minor quartet: a slightly under-characterized wanting something in breadth The other modero piece, a and intensity and inwardness, quartet written in 1956 by and missing some significant Giulio Viozzi, is slighter but is points; but it was assured and also more like live music: cheer-smooth, and not without vitality.

RPO/Downes Festival/Radio 3

Joan Chissell

Though Tchaikovsky himself Society concert, it is not the work we most expect to find in this august society's programmes in 1974, especially from a planist like Clifford Curzon. nowadays more dedicated to infimacies than flamboyance.

wrong notes. But fortissimo never lacked strength, and there was bigbly strung tension in his rbythm. His luminous soft tone was a delight in second subject tarritory, and also in delicate accompanying figuration. The once conducted his B flat minor central movement brought concerto at a Philharmonic pleasures both lyrical and mercurial, but the orcbestra was often ton loud, and not always ready for his darting impulse. The finale's main theme was

piquaotly accentuated, tempo changes were finely integrated. and except in that frontal

control and was really enjoying himself. But it was sad he used the score : in this kind of music it inevitably stands between player and audience.

Deputizing at short notice for Bernhard Klee, Edward Downes began with Tchaikovsky's rarely Opritcimik overture heard instead of the promised cen-tenary tributes to Ives. He himself had the measure of it; the orchestral playing sounded ready but rough. Brahms's first symphony after the interval could have come from a totally Brave as was Mr Curzon's assoult ou the octaves before different group of musicians response to the bravura, the the coda Mr Curzon suggested much more mellow was the first movement bad its share of that he bad nervousness under and rounded the phrasing. different group of musicians, so much more mellow was the tone

Court of Appeal

Youth 'crumpled' under pressure to plead guilty: new trial ordered

Cantiev.

A plea of guilty made by an accosed after pressure had been put on his counsel by the trial judge to change the plea from not guilty was not a proper plea and the trial which followed was a nullity.

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The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by Terry Michael Inus, aged 17, against his conviction for theft at Kingston on Thames Crown Court (Judge Ellison). He had been conditionally discharged for 18 mouths and ordered to pay fls towards the prosecution costs.
Mr Keith Evans and Mr Peter Murphy for the appellant; Mr Leonard Gerber for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON said that the prosecution alleged that on April 19, 1974, a constable saw two youths, the appellant and a friend, climbing over fencing by a railway bridge at New Malden. a railway bridge at New Malden. The appellant was carrying some cable. Both youths ran away when they saw the constable, but they were subsequently caught and

On those facts the prosecution had a strong prima facie case. The trial was fixed for June 26 at Kingston Crown Court sitting at Sorbiton before Jodge Ellison. The youths were represented by counsel, the appellant by Mr Murnhy.

Before the arraignment the judge sent 2 message that the wanted to see all coursel in his room. A conversation took place about the case, as a result of which Mr Murphy went to see the appellant. He told him what the conversation had been about, thut the appellant said that he still wished to plead not guilty. Mr Murphy told the judge and a further conversation took place between him and the judge, after which Mr Murphy egain saw the appellant, who said he was not willing to risk being put into custody and would plead guilty. The judge then came into court and the two youths were arraigned and both pleaded guilty. Both were conditionally discharged.

Mr Murphy was disturbed about what had happened. When he went hack to the Temple he made a mote of the conversations between the index of the conversations between a far more general conversation than that recorded by Mr Murphy was dot that be had not intended to Before the arraignment the

Judge: This was presumably Counsel for the prosecution:

Judge: If these men are asking the jury to believe that they thought they could just go and take rallway property. One of them used to be an employee of the railway. If that is what they are saying, if they are convicted, they will go to detention centre. That is

quite certain.

Murphy: I was sceptical myself when I read the papers, but if you look at the wire—it is in count—it looks as though it could have been abandoned—lots of pieces in the count process.

just thrown together.

Judge: I was virtually standing counsel to the railways for about 20 years at the Bar—I know all about signalling wice. I take a very

about signalling wire. I take a very dim view indeed of going on to railway property and stealing things. If they are convicted they will be going away. If they plead now, I may be able to take a more lenient course—I may be able to implement recommendations in the social enquiry reports.

That conversation between the judge and Mr Murphy led to Mr Murphy's first talk with the appellant. When Mr Murphy returned to the judge's room to say that the appellant still pleaded not guilty he asked for trial before another judge. The judge refused the request. Mr Murphy again saw his client, who said that be was not prepared to risk being put in custody.

Regina v Inns

Before Lord Justice Lawton, Mr

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Justice Mocatta And Mr Justice Mocatta Mr Justice Mr J Their Lordships were not there to decide the credibility of the witnesses to that incident. It was

a most unfortunate occurrence and the court was surprised that it had ever happened. It was to be boped that that kind of interview between a judge and counsel would not take place again. There were occasions on which a judge were occasions on which a judge could intimate what a sentence was likely to be in any event. It was clear in the present case that when Mr Murphy went to the appellant and told him what would happen if be persisted in his plea of not guilty be crumpled and took the view that it was not worth the risk.

free choice as to his plea. The whole basis of a plea on arraignment was that an accused freely said in open court what be was going to do. If e plea of guilty was made under pressure it was not a free plea and all that followed was a nullity.

lowed was a nullity.

His Lordship considered DPP v Shamon (The Times, June 19: [1974] 3 WLR 155), In which an accused pleaded guilty and his co-accused pleaded guilty and his co-accused pleaded not guilty and was acquitted. The point arose whether there was a proper plea of guilty. The House of Lords said that when a man pleaded guilty he could not bring himself within the grounds of appeal in section 2 of the Criminal Appeal Act, 1968 [which includes e plea of material irregularity in the course of the trial]. The court accepted that. But the problem arose in the present case whether what was said in Shamon's case applied where there was no free plea and a plea made under threats.

That principle did not apply in

That principle did not apply in a case like the present. But there were residual powers which could be used to order a new trial. Those be used to order a new trial. Those powers were expressly reserved in the schedule to the 1968 Act. Those powers could only be used where a conviction was a nullity, as in the present case and a retrial was ordered. The court had no besitation in quasing the conviction and ordering a new trial.

Solicitors: Shephard & Co, Waiton on Thames; Solicitor Metapolitan Police.

Charities batten down in the face of inflationary winds

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Britain's charities are being slowly crushed between the jaws of a financial vice—on one side they are being pressed by fast increasing costs, and on the other by a fall-off in donations.

In the past few weeks there has been string of announcements about cutbacks and economies by such organiza-tions as Oxfam, the National Council for One Parent Families, Dr Barnardo's and the National Council for Civil Liberties.

Inflation, the slump on the stock market and other financial problems have affected the charities with varying force, but for most there is the prospect of e bleak Christmas, and a far froto prosperous new year.

The blame for the charities' emptying coffers has been placed on rising selary bills, the imposition of VAT, higher postal and telephone charges, rising oil prices, increased building costs, bigger food bills, higher electricity. city charges—the list is almost endless. But the real strain on the finances of the charities is caused by the failure of donations to keep pace with these increases. The incomes of some organizations are actually less than last year, and in real money terms that means an anormous drop.

Contributions from the man in the street have been holding up fairly well, but charities dependent on husiness

has damaged their own financial posi-tions and it has hit the investors and charitable trusts who normally aid the

Some organizations, like The Save the Children Fund and Dr Barnardo's, with drew a good deal of their money from the stock exchange before the situation deteriorated seriously, but others were

At a time when they need to draw on their reserves, the charities bave found that those reserves have diminished alarmingly; in the case of the Spastics Society the value of their investments has been cut by a half in the past 18

While inflation has been affecting every organization in the country, the charries have been labouring under extra impositons. VAT has provided a considerable burden for many, and the charities are still campaigning hard for zero-rating.
Several societies are worried about

the effects of the new capital transfer tax and wealth tax on legacies and other charitable gifts.

Mysey Manney

contributions have found that money from this source is beginning to dwindle. Charitable donations cannot be given high priority when the very existence of many companies is at stake.

The slump in the stock market has had a dual effect on the charities: it has damaged their own financial positions.

The recent court decision that an Oxfam shop in Birmingham is liable for rates is likely to cost. Oxfam alone another £100,000 a year. An appeal against the decision should go to the House of Lords next month. Since even the temporary shops selling charity Christmas cards have to pay rates, a favourable decision by the Lords could be nefit many charities.

benefit many charities. The charities are not only suffering from Britain's parlous economic state. Mr Hugh Belsbaw, finance director of Oxfam, said the inflation problem was very much worse overseas. In some places they faced increases of 100 or even 200 per cent in the price of food

Most organizations are at present trying to economize on staff and on administrative costs, but most try con-stantly to keep such costs pared to the bone, and thus there is often little room for savings.

While the charities are trying to ensure that cuts are not made in the belp they provide for the needy, many are unwilling to embark on new projects. They are battening down for the storms ahead.

Some are looking to the Government for aid. The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children has appealed for a grant to help meet its expected losses, while other charities, which run bomes and bostels, are con-

sidering whether local authorities co take over some of these.

But local council social services already under serious financial property and the Government is unlike to want to start bailing out ail

In an attempt to establish the serie ness of the charities' position, National Council for Social Service just sent out questionnaires to all leading charities asking about the financial difficulties. Once the exof the damage wrought by inflation been calculated the Council hopes it be possible to teckle the problems n effectively.

The situation is not yet disastr
"It is not at panic level", said The 8
the Children Fund. "Donations down considerably, but we are despairing."

Neverthaless, the worrying feature the problem is that there is no obvertief in sight. With inflation economic depression continuing. charities cannot expect a Santa to appear in the shape of the gov ment, industry or commerce.

The only answer appears to be all of us to dig deeper in our poc when the begging bowl comes round

Martin Hucke

Distribution on liquidation taxable

missioners
Befort Lord Justice Stamp, Lord
Justice Scarman and Mr Justice
Brightman
A distribution of surplus assets
made to a shareholder in the
course of a company's liquidation for the purposes of section 460 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act, 1970; and any tax advantage gained thereby is therefore taxable under that section unless it is shown that the transaction was carried out for bona fide commercial reasons or in the ordinary course of making or managing jovestments, and that it did not have as

a main object to enable tax advantages to be obtained.

The Court of Appeal dismissed the taxpayer's appeal from the decision of Mr Justice Goulding, who had allowed the Revenue's appeal from the decision of the special commissioners.

special commissioners.

Leave was given to appeal to the House of Lords.

Mr F. Heyworth-Talbot, QC, and Mr Andrew Potez for the tax-payer; Mr N. C. H. Browne-Wilkinson, QC, Mr Patrick Medd, QC, and Mr Brian Davemort for the Crown.

reading the judgment of the court, guage to have the width that on a said that the appellant owned 75 literal interpretation it clearly had, per cent and the trustees of a family trust the remaining 25 per cent of the share capital of a family company possessing sub-stantial assets representing taining company possessing sub-stantial assets representing accumuleted and undistributed profits not needed as working capi-tal for the condoct of the company's business.

To extract those assets from the company, the appellant put the company into voluntary liquida-tion. The liquidator sold the company's business to another company controlled by the appel-lant, and after payment of the original company's debts the assets

agreement previously made be-tween the appellant and the trustees, in the same proportion as

their shareholdings. It was common ground that the appellant had avoided the tax that be would have had to pay if the accumulated profits had been distributed as dividends, and that it was a tax advantage of which the immediate cause was the distributions. tion of the assets in the course of the liquidadon. The appellant argued that the distribution was not a transacdoo in securities but an integral part of the process of liguidation.

The House of Lords had con-The House of Lords had consistently refused to limit the great scope of sections 460 to 468 by judicial interpretation: Parker v IRC ([1966] AC 141) and Greenberg v IRC ([1972] AC 109). The Indication in section 467(1) as to the meaning of the term "transaction in securities", although it gave a number of instances not including liquidation, if anything extended the meaning of the term by showing that it included Mr F. Heyworth-1 aloot, QC, and Mr Andrew Potez for the tax bearing of the payer; Mr N. C. H. Browne-Will-kinson, QC, Mr Patrick Medd, QC, and Mr Brian Davenport for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE SCARMAN, as to lead one to doobt whether Parliament really intended its language of the court. because Parliament bad provided an exemption for those who could show that the transactions were carried out for bona fide commercarried out for condition connections or in the ordinary course of making or managing investments and that they did not have as one of their main objects the obtaining of tax advantages.

The appellant argued that the enactment of section 460(2) of the 1970 Act, originally section 25(5) of the Finance Act, 1962, could only be explained on the basis that Parliament's intendion in passing the 1960 Finance Act had been to exclude the ligitidador of a comexclude the liquidadon of a com-

pany and steps taken therein from the ambit of section 28 thereof, the original of section 480 of the 1970 Act. By providing that a liquidation should not break the chain of causation, the appellant claimed, Parliament showed that a liquidation was not itself a transaction in securities.

But a later enactment could only But a later enactment could only be used to interpret an earlier one if the earlier one appeared ambiguous: Kirkness v Hudson (1955] AC 696). The earlier provision bere was wide but not ambiguous, and the 1962 section was a deeming provision which could have been added for one of a number of resums, as Lord Rad. a number of reasons, as Lord Radcliffe had emphasized in respect of the "deeming" provisions in St Aubun v Attorney General (1952) AC 15, 53). Also, the draftsman of the 1962 Act had taken care in section 25(7) to warn judges against using the subsection as a clue to the meaning of the earlier Act.

For those reasons the appellant's For those reasons the appellant's invitadon to construe the earlier provision in the light of the later shoold be declined. Shares were securities (section 467(1) of the 1970 Act; the word "transaction" included a unilateral act (such as the redempdon of a debenture in Parker v IRC and the part payment of a price in Greenberg v IRC; and a distribution by a IRC; and a distribution by a liquidator to shareholders gave effect to the rights attaching to their shares or to an agreed variadon of those rights, and thus related to the shares. A distribution of surplus assets to share bolders in the course of a liquida-tion was therefore e transaction ion was therefore e transaction in securides for section 460(1). That obviated the need to rule on the grounds on which Mr Justice Goulding had decided agreed with him.

Solicitors: Underwood & Co Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Chancery Division

Validation of disposition in winding up

227 of the Companies Act, 1948, to validate a disposition. His Lordship so held on a motion by Mr Raymond Glen McAllister, a director of Argentum Reductions (UK) Ltd. Mrs Jean Louise McAllister, a shareholder, and the company for an order that payments made out of the company's account at Barclays Bank Ltd, Ludlow, for the purpose of paying the company'a debts incurred after the days of the petition in the ordinary pany's debts incurred and date of the petition in the ordinary course of business should not be avoided by virtue of section 227,

avoided by virtue of section 227, and made the order sought.
Section 227 provides: "In a winding up by the court, any disposition of the property of the company, including things in action, and any transfer of shares, or alteration in the status of the months of the company. or alteration in the status of the members of the company, made after the commencement of the winding up, shall, unless the court otherwise orders, be void."

Mr N. F. Merriman for the applicants; Mr Robin Potts for the respondents, Mr and Mrs Glyn John Jenkins.

HIS LORDSHIP said that there were 95 A shares in the company, 48 owned by Mrs McAllister and 47 by Mrs Jenkins. The A shares carried votes, whereas the remaining five shares, which were B shares, carried no votes and were owned by a woman who did not come into the matter. The two directors of the company were Mr McAllister and Mr Jenkius, the respective husbands of the shareholders. The company's business consisted of, in the main, extract-

ing silver from waste photographic There was deadlock on the board of the company, with each shareholder supporting ber own husband. On November 8 Mrs Jeokins presented a contribotory's petition to wind up the company. On December 4 notice of motion on December 4 honce of motion was given, expressed to be given on behalf of Mr McAllister, Mrs McAllister and the company.

For Mr and Mrs Jenkins, Mr Pous took the preliminary objection that none of thoes for whom from that note or those for woom Mr Merriman appeared had any locus standi to make the application, so that the motion must fail. If that objection failed, then it was accepted that, subject to the overriding discretion of the court. an order should be made over December 16, when the matter

In re Argentum Reductions (UK) Ltd
Before Mr Justice Megarry
[Judgment delivered December 11]
A shareholder has a sufficient locus standi in a winding up to make an application under section 227 of the Companies Act. 1943, to validate a disposition. His Lordship so held on a motion by Mr Raymond Glen McAllister, a director of Argentum Reductions (UK) Ltd. Mrs Jean Louise McAllister, a shareholder, and the company of or an order that payments made out of the company's account at Barclays Bank Ltd, Lndlow, for the purpose of paying the company's debts incurred after the

Mr Potts contended that where the petidon for winding up the company was brought by a contributory and not by a creditor, the only proper applicants under section 227 were either the company itself, or the other party to the transaction in question, or someone claiming a proprietary company sold property to a pur-chaser who then mortgaged it, Mr Potts accepted that the pur-chaser and the mortgagee could noth apply under the section. Bot be contended that a shareholder in the company, as such, bad no such right.

He subsequently accepted, bow-ever, that a shareholder could apply under the section in relation to a transfer of shares, or alteranon in the status of the members of the company, but not in relation to any disposition of company property. He agreed that, on the face of the section, there was no restriction on those who could apply, bot contended that the restriction which he neged was implicit. He emphasized that where there was a deadlock those con-cerned could seek the appointment of a provisional liquidator. He offered to concur in such an appointment saying that It would be wrong for one of the factions in a deadlock to be given the efits of an order under section 227 when, instead, that faction should be seeking the appointment of a provisional liquidator.

Returning to the section his Lordship thought that the statutory material was exiguous. There were simply the words "nnless the court otherwise ordered", set io their context. The affairs of com-panies were almost infinitely various, and where the legislation had refrained from putting any express limit on those who might seek an order from the court, its Lordship would be slow to attempt to spell out any implied limit

which reached beyond the ordinary limits imposed by the courts on almost any application, namely, that the applicant must have some discertible interest in the matter. discernible interest in the matter. Furthermore, the section itself rendered void times separate classes of transaction: (a) "any disposition of the property of the company, including things in action"; (b) "any transfer of shares"; and (c) any "alteration in the status of the members of the company". It was plain, as Mr Potts accepted, that if a member of the company wished to apply in respect of (b) or (c), he might do so: in such a case the words "unless the court otherwise might do so: In such a case the words "unless the court otherwise orders" embraced the share-holder. Yet, if the member wished to apply in respect of (a), Mr Potts contended that the self-same words "unless the court otherwise orders" would not include the shareholder.

His Lordship could not see why they should not. To a majority sharebolder, it might be a matter shareholder, it might be a matter of great concern, as closely affecting the value of his shares, that certain transpedous should be saved from being invalidated. True, the shareholder as such would normally be no party to the transaction, and so it could be said that his fateract in religious else. that his interest in validating the transaction was only indirect, yet an indirect interest might be of great value and importance. Why shoold a person with an interest to protect, even if it was indirect, be driven from the court where neither the Act nor the rules gave any indication that they should be excluded? Furthermore, his Lord-ship did not see why, in companies where there was a state of poten-tial deadlock, it should be open to one of the factions, by making the potential deadlock actual, to render it impossible for an applicadon to validate a disposition under section 227 to be made

Accordingly, In his Lordship's judgment a shareholder had a sufficient locus standi to make an application under section 227 to validate a disposition. Mr Potts's preliminary point accordingly failed as regards Mrs McAllister. failed as regards Mrs McAllister. It was not necessary to decide whether, on the facts, the application by the company was validly made. Nor was it necessary to decide whether Mr McAllister, who was merely a director, bad a sufficient locus standi. Solicitors: Prentis, Seagrove & Co for Cove & Co, Birmingham; Hancock & Willis for Wragge & Co, Birmingham.

except by the other party to that

Ronald Duncan was exhausted. He had just come back from a British Council tour of Austria and Switzerland, a fortnight of concentrated effort, sometimes speaking to two universities a day, lecturing on those subjects most dear to him: Poetry in the Theatre, the poetry of his friends T.S. Eliot and Ezza Pound, and readings from his own It is nearly 20 years since he was involved in the hat trick of three pro-

ductions running in London at the same time—his verse play, This Way to the Tomb, Benjamin Britten's opera The Rape of Lucretia, for which he wrote the libretto, and The Eagle has Two Heads, a very free translation of Coc-teau's play. (Duncan invented the title.

Cocteau had called it Arrael.)

Now he has just published parts IV and V of his epic poem Man (The

Rebel Press, Welcombe, Bideforn). It must be the only epic poem illustrated by a photomicrograph of Eucaryotic cells, and with a bibliography covering aspects of science, Aztec human sacrifice, Eskimos, the Black Death and Jacques Monod. "This finishes it, but does not complete it—there mn't no completion. I have sat, writing it, for about 10 years. In 1960 I was commissioned to write my autobiography. I started to write where I was born, and then I really began to wonder where I came from and who I was. That made me realize how incredibly ignorant I was. I didn't know anything about evolution or biology or astronomy or physics. Struck by my own abysmal ignorance I abandoned literature and took up science. I began at astronomy, and went on to physics, geology, and a certain amount of chemistry. I was very

lucky in that I knew Sir Hermann Bondi, the great astronomer, and he helped me. I had some empty cottages at my home in Devon and I decided to set up a one-man university and offer hospitality to people if they would come down and teach me things like ralativity. I had crash courses from the very top hrains, like Professor Preston Cloud, of California.

"My purpose was to trace the development of man—the only con-scious being that we know of in an unconscious universe. I wanted to make some sort of bridge between literature and science, which have been, and are now in apartheid. There is illiteracy on both sides. Literary people can't mend a fuse, and physicists can't write a sentence. This gap used not to exist
—certainly not in the periods of Donne,
Sir Walter Raleigh and Leonardo. Even Goethe discovered a metal. (It's called Goethe.) I think that sensibility has to be integrated with life. The idea that poetry should be considered as a decoration is nauseating, and most of the poetry that I see today I consider a rather obscure mating call. I also dislike the thought that poetry should be wholly subjective hosannas that nobody can understand-writers getting lost in their own vacuity. It bores me."
"It is not enough to write about social commitment. There are two kinds of problem, those that are simple, like rates and sewage, and the other kind,

how we face old age, loneliness and death. The politician has the immediate view, and the poet has an ultimate view—and what is immediate is always This may be, and he considers it is. an unfashionable artitude. Nor that he cares. "Sing high and aloof, free from the wolf's black maws and the dull ass's boof" has always been his view, leading to some ferocious literary rows. with Cocteau, with George Devine with whom he founded the English . Stage Company in 1955, and with a high proportion of dull asses, as chronicled in his two volumes of immensely entertaining autobiography, All Men are Is-lands, and How to Make Enemies. The third volume will be published next year. "It's probably a waste of time", be says, in doom-laden tones. "You set out thinking you are going to lry to find yourself, and you don't. You think you are going to understand other people, and you don't. It's an uncomfortable experience." The book may be called *The Precarious Garden*. Vir-ginia Maskell, a friend of mine, made a little garden on top of a bank, and it fell off." That is as much as he will disclose of a tragic story which, at the end of the last book, be confessed that

What of Ronald Duncan, the playwright? "The theatre dropped me years ago. I am considered as relevant to the theatre as a dinosaur would be. The National Theatre has never done a play of Eliot's, and has never asked me to

he had not the strength or courage to

do one. I'd be very interested, h feel I'm not sufficiently of the political spectrum (that's not to that I'm of the right, I have no pol I bate these caregories). But I to want to write plays about problems are simple, and I certainly don't to write plays either erotic or pr graphic. I find sex too important.

He lives on his farm in Devon. have always maintained that it a set writer is to be free, he must ha few acres. He can then say wha wants to, and to hell with everyl. Otherwise you may find yourself wing for the BBC." For 14 years wrote a countryman's column, Journal, for Lord Beaverbrook, w. he admired enormously.

He is 60 this year, though his ba without grey. Many of his gres friends, the people who influenced life, such as Gandhi, T. S. Elior, Pound, are dead. "But that do mean that you can't converse them, or communicate with them." volume of his fables for children, Tale of Tails, illustrated by Brathy, will shortly be published limited and beautiful edition, by Elephant Press. He still has p to write about "I say this wi certain amount of trepidation. older you get, the more you re that there are more ideas there you could ever attempt"

Man is an affirmation of the task in life, as he sees it.
"I speak in the first persen
because I am the only person I kn -which at least explains in conta And because consciousness is al singular, never plural.

He feels that life is heco obsessed with money creed violence. And speaking of a seof the poem called "Auschwitz' says "I am afraid that people forget it. If you put Rembrandt at axis, you have to put Auschwil the other-the limit must lie s where between, but you can't t have one without the other. Rembi and Schubert, Belsen and Katyu— the things that are going on in U It is not that we are an irreligious but we have become absolutely ce that we worship man, which is the v kind of beresy, self-idolatry." Writing, as Mr Duncan believe

always for a minority. ("That are ever been liked by the people imy view, a fallacy. Art has existe spite of the people.") The writer no savings, no pension, no capital. can a young writer possibly suctoday? "The man of letters is al extinci-there must be half a doze us left, and there woo't be any n

Home he goes to Devon, to rener strength, like Aotaeus, from countryside he loves. And "I plant trees, which seems to be thing that gives me the most please Philippa Toor

Another attempt to tell parents about school powers

bureaucratic looking booklet on the rights of parents and the responsibilities of schools is to be given free to at least 12,000 Haringey families today. It is local authority pamphlets, copies of Where (the magazine put out by the Advisory Centre for Education), and countless paperback books to give parents a real idea of the limits of school powers, and the sort of openings and cash benefits that exist within the state school system.

An A to Z of Education in Haringey was put rogether by eight members of HAASE (the laringey branch of the Confederation for the Advancement of State Education). Most of them are parents of children at local schools, and they started from a feeling that it is scanda-lous that so little information about schools even tries to reach all parents of the children at them, and that when it does it is too often obscured by jargon.

Taking a lesson from the grey and unread official documents they decided that the booklet would also have to be able ro compete with magazines, so it is cleverly and professionally put together, and illustrated by cartoons. The result is a document which deals with everything from school meals to discipline, governors to uniform,

state education, there are a few entries on the law, child care and playgroups. The authors have tried hard to eliminate any the most recent in a long line depends" since one of their main concerns was to furnish local authority and the depends answers starting with "it depends" since one of their main concerns was to furnish parents with the same of the sa the office or department responsible in every contingency.
"Once at school, does a child bave to attend full time?" and "Can adults get help with reading and writing?" are examples of the sort of questions they deal

The editors always saw the booklet as a lost cause if it was doomed only to be sold in bookshops. So whee, early oo, the Haringey Education Authority offered to pay for the printing of enough copies for each family within the borough to receive one free, the editors were relieved. Haringey has also provided relevant addresses and

Local response to the document bas in fact been so good that when schools were circulated for exact numbers of copies needed a very ruch bigher figure than the mininal estimate was returned— teachers and council employees have been among the first to ask for it-

The homework for a guide of this kind has now been door. Since most of the answers in the book are true for education in question and answer form, all around the country, it would

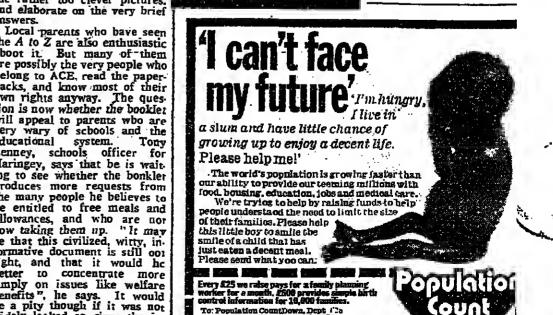
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concise, clear and very un- and though most of it sticks to presumably take very little for Some copies of the A to Z of another education authority to adapt the addresses and details for local use-probably no more than a morning's work for a senior official. And the costs of production, at 10p a copy, is low. Another editor might also feel it worth while to play down the rather too clever pictures. and elaborate on the very brief

> the A to Z are also enthusiastic about it. But many of them are possibly the very people who belong to ACE, read the paperbacks, and know most of their own rights anyway. The ques-tion is now whether the booklet will appeal to parents who are very wary of schools and the educational system. Tony Lenney, schools officer for Haringev, says that be is wait ing to see whether the bonkler produces more requests from the many people he believes to be entitled to free meals and allowances, and who are nor now taking them up. "It may be that this civilized, wirty, informative document is still oor right, and that it would he better to concentrate more simply on issues like welfare benefits", he says. It would be a pity though if it was not widely looked at, since the information it contains provides valuable background and ammunition for any parents venturing into the teachers' world.

Caroline Moorehead

Education in Haringey are available from Mr L. Cohen, 222 Baker Street, NW1 (25p plus Get back to enjoying one of life's important little luxures. 10p post and packing).

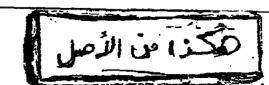


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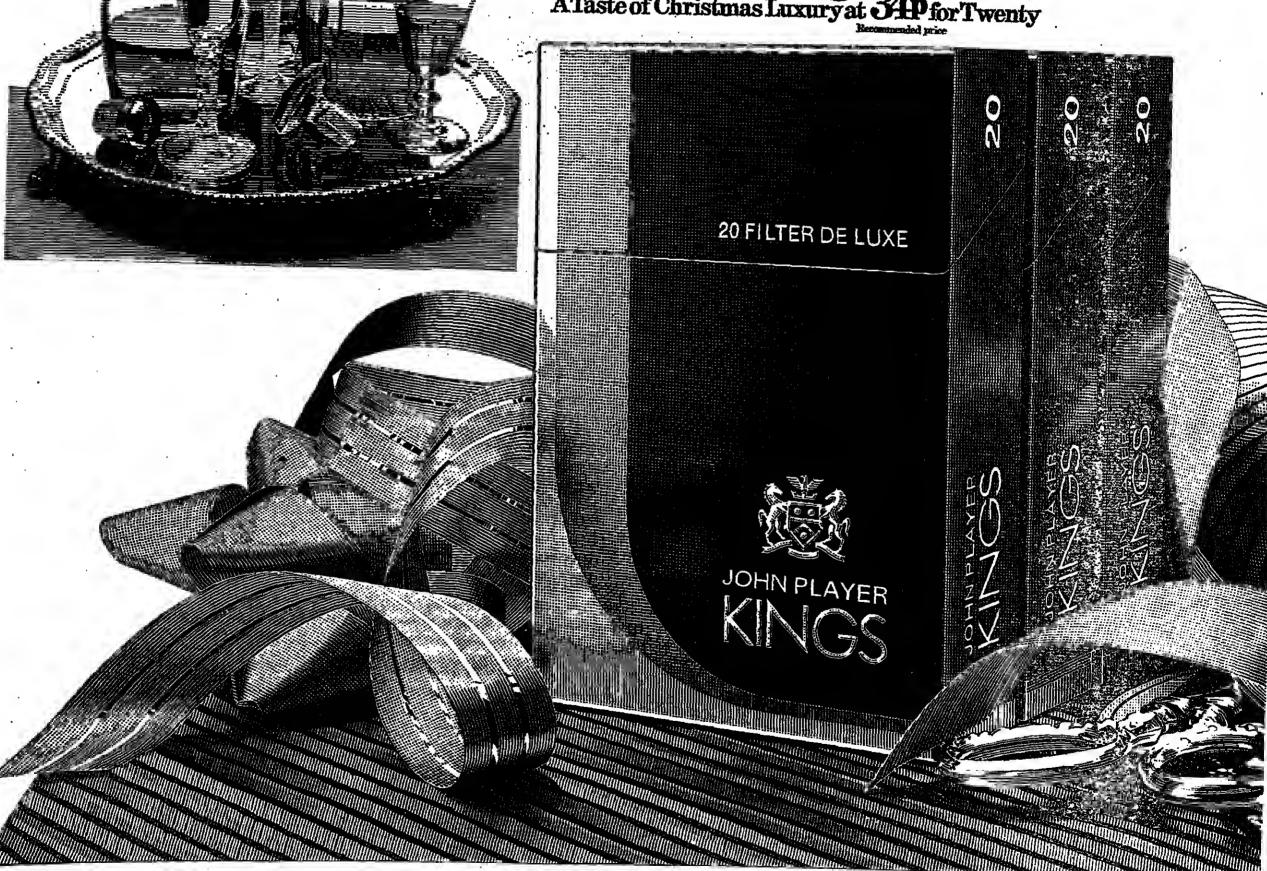
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Lord Chief Justice links use of guns with end of hanging

The Archoishop of Canterbury, Dr Donald Coggan, was intro-

LORD HUNT, opening a debate on capital punishment as a means of combating terrorism, said be had expressed grave doubts in an earlier debate on the wisdom of reintroducing the death penalty in this connexion but had added that he could be persuaded otherwise by evidence. He had also said in a letter to The Times earlier that he expected the time might come and circumstances could arise in which the reintroduction of the death penalty for terrorism might become inevitable, but that it had

no means arrived yet.

They were all resolved to support the Government in any turther security measures necessary. All shared the sympathy with the innocent victims of combines and the anger of people in Birming-ham. Guildford. London and other cities about these bestial deeds. But they must all be conscious, 100, of the differences amounding to a conflict of convictions which

were strongly held.

Despite the increases in muder since the death penalty was experi-mentally suspended in 1955 there was no conclusive evidence that those murdering during robberies, for instance, had been encouraged to do so by the absence of the death penalty.

ath penalty.

In most people the said there is an element of ideological fanaticism and a kind of courage in regard to their own fate which makes them about as dangerous as those killers who are mentally Capital punishment as a means

of combains terrorism would in practical terms be ineffective aon in political terms highly inexpe-dient. Morally it would be wrong. The LORD CHANCELLOR said society diminished itself whenever It took the life of a prisoner in captivity. There was a desecrate

need to restore respect for human life; a oeed to luster a deep reverence for it. Restoring the death penalty would not increase LORD HAILSHAM of ST MARYLEBONE said the public must accept that if the death penalty were restored for terrorist crimes one could expect an escalation of terrorism in the immediate aftermath. Hostages might he taken and murdered in revenge.

Prominent people, perhaps includ-ing members of the Royal Family. migh: he threatened or actually But by depriving the courts of the death peoalty Parliament had put a premium on killing. The one argument against the death penalty which weighed with him was that it was a norrible and degrading thing. But it was the lesser of two cells. The indiscriminate slaughter of innucent victims for political ends must stop, and nothing could exercise a more powerful influence in the minds of potential criminals toan the death penalty. They had not scrupled to inflict it on some of their defeated enemies, war criminals of the last war, sometimes for crime less versions than there is a section than the common than the criminal section.

for crimes less serious than these.

of his family was in the club which had been bombed. Mercifully she was unharmed, otherwise he would have been among the parents mourning their children. LORD WIGODER (L) said the

death penalty was a squalid perfor-mance which debased all who took part in it, and that meant the whole of society. It degraded the standard of civilization. However, he did not regard that as an over-whelming reason wby in no con-ceivable circumstances capital punishment should be restored. But it was an overwhelming reason

for saying the burden rested beav-ily on those who advocated restor-ation to prove beyond doubt the efficiency of what they were advo-Capital punishment for terrorists

(he said) is singularly unlikely to deter any of the outrages we have seen and it is only likely to lead to an escalation in which many more innocent people may be harmed. The ARCHBISHDP of CANTER-

BURY said it was perhaps natural that recent incidents of an appall-ing kind should lead in the case of ing kind should lead in the case of many people to an upsurge of revenge. This was no argument by which a civilized state should be guided. The sansfaction of human wrath by the taking of human lives was an unworthy method of procedure. Panic should not be allowed. to move rational men and all too easily revenge could prove counter-productive. The final judgment of death, so reribly irrevocable by its very nature and so degrading to those who had to carry it out, should be left in the hands where the final judgment rested and where torgiveness could alone be tound. Nothing would be gained and much migh: be lost by taking the retro-grade step of re-introducing capital

punishment as a means of combat LORD WIDGERY, Lord Chief Justice, said his firm belief that capital punishment could act as a deterrent in regard to murder, terrorist or otherwise, was based on the fact that it seemed to him there had been a marked difference since the abolition of the death penalty in the grievous nature and degree of violence used by certain criminals, mainly robbers, against in

nocent people who got in their Formerly professional criminals planning to rob a bank by violence would always insist on firearms being left at home. The reason was that io those days if one of them in panic fired and killed all would hang. The deterrent effect of those circumstances oo the more respon-sible members of the gang must have been enormous.

have been enormous.

Now, not a Friday passed without a wage snatch, bank robbery or something of the kind, and firearms, particularly the sawn-off shotgun, were exceedingly common. This appalling change in the degree of violence used must be in some way related to the fact that the game was now worth the can. the game was now worth the can-dle whereas previously it was not. For serious, premediated crime, such as acts of terrorism (he said) the only real way we can restore the value of human life is to return lo capital punishment.

Complaint of haste on pensions Bill

The Reservoir Bill passed Its Dn the Social Security Amend-ment Bill,

LORD WELLS-PESTELL, Lord in Waiting, moved that the House should not insist on their amenoment (which sought to reduce contributions of the self-employed) concerning the self-employed to which the Commons bad disagreed. It involved a charge on the public

LORD ABERDARE (C) said the Government's proposal was unfait and discriminatory. The Bill had been rushed through.

LORD CARRINGTON (C)-The Government should be careful about the way they treat the House o these circumstances. The Bill has been rushed and we are now asked to deal with this on a day when there are 40 peers wishing to speak on capital punishment. We do not know what the Commons bas said. If there are repetitions of this kind perhaps we shall not be so forbearing or patient in tuture. The House did not insist on their

Royal Assent

Royal Assent was given to the Church of England Worship and Doctrine Measure and the tollowing Acts: Consolidated Fund (No 4), Social Security Amendment, and Torquey Market.

$2\frac{1}{2}$ p coin still has useful role to play

cellor of the Exchequer had to withdraw the 2jp coin from circul-

MR SHELDDN; Minister of State, Treasury (Ashton under Lyne. Lab)—The position is being kept under review. No decision is likely in the immediate future. MR LiPTON-When are the MR LIFTUN—when are the Government going to make up their mind to phase out this relic of pre-decimilization coinage? If these coins are withdrawn from circulation the Government will make a vast profit as most will not be accordanced in and will be read. be surrendered in and will be used by people to make trinkets, brace-lets and that sort of thing.

MR SHELDON-I am always interested in ways the Government can make money. The coin has still a useful though limited role to play, but obviously this matter is going to be looked at again. People have made their preagain. recipie have made their pre-ference for the continuation of this coin felt and as long as that remains the case, the Government intend to keep this coin in exis-

MR TEBBIT (Waltham Forest, MR TEBBIT (Watham Forest, Chingford, C)—How long, at the present rate of infiation, before the Government have to withdraw the 5p coin because of being of no use in commercial transactions?

MR SHELDON—Mr Tebbit is mission. This is a useful coin mistaken. This is e useful com which is used considerably and will continue to be so used.

a reaction by exchange markets

MR RIDLEY (Cirencester and Tewkesbury, C) asked what guarantees the Chancellor of the Exchequer had given on repayment terms of overseas borrowings, and for what amounts.

MR DELL, Paymaster General (Birkenhead, Lab)—The total of overseas borrowings noder Treas-ury Guarantee since March 1974 is 5680m, at the rates of exchange at the dates of the borrowines.

MR RIDLEY—Does not the recent Aramco affair show that people are going more and more to people are going more and more to demand repayment of our overseas borrowings in terms of dollars? This will place a shackle on our future, which we may never be able to discharge in view of the impending weight of debt which the Government must incur.

Will he, therefore, take steps to reduce the rate of overseas borrowing and give an assurance that he will seek on all possible occasions to borrow free of any guarantee in dollar repayment terms?

MR DELL—I think the foreign exchange markets have reacted in much too alarmist a way about the currency in which payment for oil is to be made to Saudi Arabia. It is not the currency of payment in oil. not the currency of payment for oil by the international oil companies that matters so much as the invest-ment policies of the government concerned.

It would be wrong to conclude from reports about changes in arrangements with the oil compan-les operating in Saudi Arabia that the oil producing governments have changed their investment in-

MR SKINNER (Bolsover, Lab)-One reason why there is a great deal of despair in the international trading markets, especially over the pound sterling, is that they can see that not only are we mortgag-ing to some extent North Sea oil ing to some extent North Sea oil but also that it seems apparent, according to latest communiques from Brussels, that even that amount of oil that has not already been mortgaged is going into the hands of EEC partners.

MR DELL—There is no question of mortgaging North Sea oil. It will remain entirely under the control of the British Government.

Continuing with overseas borrowing

MR HORDERN (Horsham and Crawley, C) asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer what was the total of overseas debt outstanding at the latest convenient date.

MR DELL, Paymaster General—Government foreign currency debt outstanding at the end of November was \$4,811m—roughly £2,000m at current exchange rates. Dither public sector foreign currency debt was \$5,824m (roughly £2,500m). rency det 52,500m).

MR HORDERN-What is the so-MR HORDERN—What is the so-called interest payment due on this enormous burden of debt? How is it affected by the fact that sterling loday stands at its lowest rate MR DELL-Of course there is large interest payment outstanding. The foreign borrowing programme was begun by the previous Government for reasons which

has useful

role to play

MR LIPTON (Lambeth, Central, Lab) asked what plans the ChanLab) asked what plans the Chan-

Complications of multi-rate

VAT system

MR SPRIGGS (St Helens, Lab) asked how many written representations had been made to the Chancellor of the Exchequer by retail and dispensing chemists, and the pharmaceutical industry in particular, about his plans for additional rates of VAT on retail pharmacists.

MR BARNETT, Chief Secretary to the Treasury—I have received MR BARNETT, Chief Secretary to the Treasury—I have received over 430 written representations from or about, retail pharmacists, concerning the possible introduction of differing rates of VAT. Customs and Excise are studying, openitation with the preparate. Customs and Excise are studying, in consultation with the representatives of trade bodies, the problems which would arise.

MR CARR (Sutton, Carshafton, C)—White the tax may not be wholly simple—(Labour laughter)—does he not admit that it would be two or three times more complicated if the Government were foolish exough to intro-

more comparated at the Govern-ment were foolish enough to intro-duce a multi-rate system? The Opposition would oppose such a change with all the power at our command.

MR BARNETT—I am not sur-prised at what he opposes.

Too alarmist Imperative that terms of social contract on pay be adhered to—Minister

SECTION MR LAMONT (Kingston npon Thames, C) asked whether the Chancellor of the Exchequer was satisfied with the progress of his counter-inflation partners, so called Is not this the problem that is beamining us in and control of the Counter that is beamining us in and control of the Counter that is beamining us in and control of the Counter that is beamining us in and control of the Counter that is beamining us in and control of the Counter that is beamining us in and control of the Counter that is beamining us in and control of the Counter that is the important consideration of the Counter that is the importa

MR DELL, Paymaster General (Birkenhead, Lab)—The Chancel-lor of the Exchequer will take whatever steps he considers necess-ary, but it is imperative that the terms of the social contract oo pay be adhered to.

MR LAMDNT-Many people who are deeply anxious about inlation find it difficult to believe that the Government are taking the question seriously at all. Does he agree with the forecast of the National Institute that inflation will be 25 per cent next year, and if be does not agree, will he say precisely why he does not agree with that forecast? MR DELL-I am aware that many people are deeply anxious and the Government take this pro-blem seriously. No Government

has made forecasts of the rate or inflation, and I therefore will not comment on the National Institute forecast. There are many forecasts which cover a range.
So far, most of the people in respect of whom seriements have been made benefited from settlements within the social contract. But, of course, there are important further settlements yet to be made. MR SKINNER (Bolsover, Lab)— Will he accept that it is not just a question of wages alone, if at all?

partners, so called is not this the problem that is beaming us in and restricting us from doing the things we want to do? It is imperative that we concern

ourselves with introducing severe import controls and if our Common Marker partners do not like it, well, tell them to lump it. MR DELL-Our trading deficit bas increased not merely with the EEC, but with other perts of west-ern Europe. The main danger in respect of inflation in this country at the moment, atthough there are other factors, lies in wage settlements. Mr Skinner should not

Ignore that. SIR JOHN HALL (Wycombe, C)—The movement of world prices and the general trend of likely industrial and economic activity in 1975 gives considerable support to the estimate that inflation will rise by 25 per cent, or even higher, next year. It would be an intoler-able development. So far the Chancellor has done nothing that is likely to change that situation.

MR DELL.—The Chancellor can not affect the level of commodity prices during next year. That is one important factor.

But I emphasize that as things now are, the most important factor is the level of wage settlements, and that is why I emphasized the importance of adherence to the social contract.

Majority of settlements within the guidelines

MR STANLEY (Tonbridge and Malking, C) asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer what had been the rate of inflation over the last three months expressed on an annual basis.

MR BARNETT, Chief Secretary to the Treasury (Heywood and Royton, Lab)—The increase in the rate of inflation over the three months to October, expressed at an annual rate is 13.4 per cent.

annual rate is 13.4 per cent.

MR STANLEY—When the Chancellor made his prediction on September 24 that inflation next year would be down to close to 10 per cent, that was based on the successful working of the social contract. Will he now acknowledge that after nearly nine mouths working of the social contract it has conspicuously failed to bring working of the social contract it has conspicuously failed to bring down inflation to an acceptable rate?

If it continues at its present rate,

there is going to be mounting un-employment, a flight of sterling, and a decline in real living standands next year.

MR BARNETT—I do not agree with Mr Stanley's gloomy prognostications. The majority of sectlements in the last nine months have

been inside the social contract guidelines. MR WILLIAM HAMILTON (Central Fife, Lab)—Will Mr Barnett keep oo repeating that if we do not get oo top of inflation then there must be substantially in-creased unemployment? (Conser-

vative cheers.) Since we are com-mitted to maintaining at all costs an acceptable rate of full employ-ment, will be keep on a this prob-ment, will be keep on a this prob-Conservative cheers.)

MR BARNETT—I agree with Mr Hamilton. The Government are well aware of the problem and seek to get on top of it and ensure there shall not be unemployment at the levels which some Conservative MPs seem to relish. (Conservative

MPs seem to relish. (Conservative protests.)

MR CARR, Opposition spokesman on Treasury matters (Suiton, Carshalton, C)—Can Mr Barnett explain why the rate of inflation has risen from the 8.4 per cent, of which Mr Heeley boasted in the election, to the current 13.4 per cent and whether the Government still maintain his public forecast that it would be down to 10 per cent by the end of next year? If not, why not? not, why not?

Does Mr Barnett realize that if the Government would treat this matter more seriously in putting their weight behind the social con-tract, all MPs would give the Goverument their support?

MR BARNETT—I find that hard
to take from Mr Carr who has not

exactly been behind the social con-tract himself, and done nothing hut desigrate it from the begin-

ning.

The figure of 8.4 per cent has never been denied. The Prices Commission gave e similar figure.

EEC referendum question will be in legislation

MR TEBBIT (Waltham Forest, Chingford, C) asked the Prime Minister if the public speech of the Secretary of State for Trade (Mr Shore) in London on November 26 on EEC questions represented Goverument policy.

MR SHORT, Lord President of the Council—Yes.

MR TEBRIT—Is there agreement between the Secretary of State for Trade and the Prime Minister over whether the questions to be put on the referendum ballot paper will be decided by the Commons or down the road by the Labour Party conference?

MR SHORT—The questions in the referendum, if there is to be a referendum, if there is to be a referendum—(Conservative cries of "Oh")—will be in the legislation which will be passed by the House.

MR JAY (Wandsworth, Batter-sea, North, Lab)—A summit con-ference of the EEC has been held this week and the official com-munique shows that the Govern-ment have gone far to surrender the right of veto in EEC decisions and to agree to direct elections and to agree to direct elections to the EEC Parliament by 1978. As neither of these are consistent with the Government's election pledge are we at least to have a statement today on the summit

carefully he will see the Prime Minister reserved our position on all the issues we are renegotiating. The Prime Minister will make a statement on Monday on the summit conference.

MR SKINNER (Bolsover, Lab)— In his speech the Secretary of State for Trade referred to the massive tenfold increase in our trading deficit with the rest of the Common Market since our entry.

MR SHORT—There is a crude trade gap with the EEC countries but our exports have considerably improved since 1972. There is a considerable invisible export trade with Europe.

With Europe.

MR HEATH (Bexley, Sideup, C)—The allegations made by the Secretary of State for Trade, which have been repeated in a different form by Labour MPs, are in no way substantiated by the analysis of his own statistics which appears in his own departmental publication Trade and Industry at the end of October. This shows that the statements made by the Secretary of State are completely unjustified.

It is not very satisfactory that we should have to wait almost a week

should have to wait almost a week for a summit conference state-ment. Could not the Foreign Secre-

tary make e statement? a statement today on the summit
conference?

MR SHORT—The Foreign Secretary has not returned yet. The
Prime Minister is anxious to report
to the House on the conference.

Activities of multinational companies in Community

extraordinary scale, with beneficial effects on productivity, technological progress, and management sectiods, but that their size, vast liquid assets, and the concentration of their decision-making methods had caused serious problems and dangers for the solution of which international regulations were lacking. This lack was

The motion congratulated the Commission on taking the initiative to try to prevent a develop-objective of the treatles. It regretted that the Council had not taken action yet on proposals to eliminate tax obstacles to trans-frontier mergers submitted to it five years ago by the Commission.

LORD REAY (United Kingdom, C) said one-third of British exports was now by transactions within

Business in the House of Lords will be:

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MONDAY: Safety of Sports Grounds
Bill, third reading, Motions on ElecBons (Welsh Forms) Reputations,
Patents (Foes Amendment) Order, and
Youth Employment Service (Northern
Ireland, Order, Motion to take note of
Developments in the European Commindles White Paper. Debatable quostion on moving the Public Search Room.
TUESDAY: Motion on Army: Air Force
and Navy Discipline Acts (Continuation)
Order, Motion to take note of defence
review salement.
WEDNESDAY: Debate on devolution
for Scotland.

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we can accept far more stringently than in the past. We face an excep-tionally grave economic situation and local euthority spending can no more escape the consequences Order be epproved. He said the could now commend to the House a settlement follow-ing negotiations on rate support grant which greatly reduced the threat of massive rate increases no more escape the consequences than can any other form of desirable spending. The Government had finally decided that they should allow for no real growth in spending over the best estimate of this year's expenditure except for an allowance for inescapable commitments. The Government calculated that meant a real growth on average of a per case although not every next year. Covernment estimates showed that if they had not taken exceptional action domestic rates would have gone up on average by 70 per cent and in many cases by 80, 90, 100 per cent and even more.

MR CROSLAND, Secretary for Scate for the Environment (Grimsby, Lab), moved that the Rate Support Grant (No 2) Order

and Rate Support Grant (Increase)

Council spending to be held down

next year: attempt to banish

spectre of 70 pc rate increases

The prospects were grim because of the general level of inflation. Local authorities faced the problems caused by past under-rating tor inflation and the continuing 4 per cent, although not every authority would have such a growth rate and some would have a impact of a reorganization of local great deal less if the overall 4 per government had proved, as the Labour Party had forecast, expencent was to be achieved, since in some areas the inescapable com-mitments would amount to more sive and uneconomic. Lastly, cen-tral government had lost all con-trol over actual local authority than 4 per cent. The total for relevant expenditure was £8,171m which represented a reduction of over half io

He strongly supported a steady increase in desirable public expenditure, but the increase must the rate of growth of real spending which had occurred in the past three years. hear some reasonable relationship

bear some reasonable relationship to the general rate of economic growth. In the last three years local authority spending had gone up faster than they could afford in the present economic plight. It was a per cent in 1972-73 and 1973-74 and possibly double former in The Government had decided on a large increase in the Exchequer grant and seathed on a grant percentage at 66.5 per cent of relevant expenditure—an unprecedented increase of 6 per cent over last year. That was total Exchequer help of 55.421m. Provided lorge authorities and possibly double figures in 55,431m. Provided local authorities stuck to what was suggested for their expenditure it banished the Growth at that rate could not go on for ever and it was the job of the Government to convince local authorities of these essential facts spectre of 70 per cent rate in-creases.

The increase order was designed to belp authorities with the effects of inflation in the current year and the latest estimate for increases in pay and prices relevant to that order was £1,200m. He proposed to pay grant on that at 60.5 per cent. He 21so proposed to give on top to local authorities a once-and-forall payment of a further £350m. It was aimed to compensate for the past under-estimation of inflation by authorities when they followed the advice of the Conservative Government. This £350m was an exceptional extra payment and it should enable emborities to start 1975-76 without e massive carry over of deficits, although be could not guarantee it would clear the deficit of every local authority. They could not repeat this exceptional payment, but the Govern-ment hoped they would have wiped the slate clean and put the autiorities in a position to tackle next year's problems from a sounder base.

For future years, the Government would want to discuss with the local authorities what improvements they could make to the whole mechanism of increase

This year for the first time speci-fic grants for most highways and transportation expenditure were replaced by the new transport supplementary grants and all esti-mated local authority spending on

avoid at all costs a second ve massiva distributional change. He had done what be could. This year we have had to look (be said) at the expenditure which next year's needs element won distributed on a new, impor-formula. But the other balf a be allocated io proportion to sums which local authorities receiving for the current That would permit a measu change, but keep it within re

special London weighting | formula.

Rates would still go up but if, and only if, local authorizes stuck to their side of the bargain, the average increase would be 25 per cent for domestic rates and 20 per cent for upn-domestic, with inevitable rapidities. variations around average. The average in London, though, would be substantially higher than the 25 per cent. The amounts in the poond of domestic rate relief which euthoridomestic rate relief which eathorities were required to give were prescribed by the Secretary of State. This order prescribed 18.5p for all English authorities and 36p for the Welsh authorities. These were big increases over this year. The resources element was designed to help the less endowed authorities whose ratable value per bead was below national standards. For the coming year he proposed to increase the national standard to increase the national standard to the file to ratable value per bead by £16 to

The needs element of £2.758m was the largest element in the rate support grant. It was intended to compensate local anthorities for variations in their spending needs, so that the net cost per head of providing a similar level of local services should broadly the same in different sorts of area.

Local enthorities had asked him

to do two irreconcilable things for next year. They urged that he correct the anomalies of this year's

We shall be helping local orities in growth areas (be sat using more np-to-date populifigures and education units: grant calculations. I shall a! belping London by increasir Authorities in low income

tended to spend less in relat their needs than other anth So he had made a special ance in the calculations, should prevent those authoring penalized for that. Reluctantly he had decid to earmark a part of the gr compensate for the severe c compensate for the severe creorganization. There we answer to the question of much less an authority we spending if its boundaries aponsibilities had always better were now. There was basis for sharing out the more than authorities would be

Few authorities would be increase their spending or estimated level. Domestic would go np by 25 per c average anyway. Given th pressure to keep the increas to the minimum, by holdir on expenditure, would be at The Government were mined to give a lead to aut in indicating where they ered the cuts in the rate of the cuts in the rate of of services might fall, Local authorities were when the Government said back" while ministers speeches calling on local nes to spend, Then, the ment lost all credibility. He ment lost all credibility. He
do everything possible to
that that did not happen.

To help local authorines
their expenditure be had p
that they and central gove
should institute a joint w
local authority staff numb
did not intend to evolve
system, with hard and fast
tor each local authority
His aim was to keep down t His aim was to keep down number of staff, which remain roughly constant coming year.

He looked forward to at which they could make fa estimates of spending thar

For next year (he said authorities must keep a tig on their expenditure. Equal essential that they make a allowance tor inflation in their rate. We simply afford a continuation of tiste short-term horrowing sive short-term borrowing local suthorities were for this year. We must re-estat priociple that current exp is met from the general r

Tories want to end rating systen abolish it during the life

a week on average. The rate in-crease in the spring would be very serious. He had yet to meet anyone who forecasted less than a 40 per cent increase in London and in

many boroughs it would be con-

MR CHANNON (Southend, West, C) said the problem of rates had been altered fundamentally, largely as a result of inflation, and nrgent action was needed on the domestic rating from.

orders.

Next year would see the largest rise in rates in history except pos-sibly for this year. There would be many people paying far more than 75 per

There would be no special domestic relief for ratepayers in 1975-76 shuilar to the relief they had in 1974-75. Did the minister's estimate of an increase of 25 per cent take isso account the fact that they were doing away with the special domestic rate relief this

MR CROSLAND-The 25 per cent increase we estimate is an increase of the level of rates after the July relief.

MR CHANNON said the most difficult situation that would arise would be in the London area where

At a time when Mr Crosland was rigitly calling for frugality in the there were other expensive schemes which appeared to be totally untouched by Government economies, What was meant by the deferment of land acquisition for

planning purposes? Did that mean the land nationalization policy was going ahead or not? They were told there was to be a halt to the recruitment of planning staff. How could that be teconciled with plans for land nationalization? The rate support grant must be looked at in the context of the whole rating system. The Conservative Party believed that the rating system had become so unfair that the ultimate alm must be to

this Parliament. To the me-was the duty of the Govern this rale support grant working towards that end. He welcomed the increas o local authorities but u Government to take in action to ensure that ho wherever they lived, were April. There should be som diate reliet next year for shopkeepers and traders to bad so many extra burde upon them. The nation as had to get its spending p right by dropping costly an ful schemes.

This was no time for agance in national or local

ment. An opportunity be missed by the Governmensure than a 25 per cent next April. The people that the days of the dome ing system were numbers they should be numbered for

Mr Foot not to intervene in signalmen's dispute

SIR BERNARD BRAINE (Sonth-East Essex, C) asked the Secretary of State for Employment for e statement ebout the continuing disruption to rail services in the south-east. MR FOOT (Ebbw Vale, Lab)-

Commuter and other rail services in the south-east have again been disrupted today by a 24-bour strike by some signalmen. The travelling public have again been subjected to inconvenience and hardship. The strike is wholly unofficial. The National Union of Railwaymen, which negotiates on behalf of all signalmen, has urged the men concerned to work normally and deplored the action

being taken.

The signalmen concerned are The signalmen concerned are variously reported to be 3eeking a 5 per cent increase in pay and a further 10 per cent responsibility allowance or a 30 per cent increase over and above the improvements provided by the major restructuring agreement of earlier this year which was accepted by all three railway unions on behalf of all railwaymen.

The National Union of Railwaymen and British Rail have made clear that they are not prepared to contemplate changes in this agreement, although I understand that they are discussing possible changes in the classification of structure in the of signalmen's jobs. In these circumstances, I would

hope that the House would support the National Union of Railwaymen in urging the men concerned to return to normal working and bring to an end ection which so disrupts services on which so many people, including fellow trade unionists, depend.

Misery

SER B. BRAINE—Mr Foot's hope is not enough. He must be aware of the misery and frustration that has been endured by people, principally from Essex over the iast seven weeks, and by handreds of thousands of travellers today. How does he square that with the social contract? He has powers to intervene. He could ask the Conciliation and Arbitraask the Conciliation and Arbitra-tion Services to do so. Why has he not exerted timeself?

Does not this enarchic situation underline the urgent and compel-ing necessity for the Government to devise methods of resolving relinnocent people such as the travelling public?

demned by the union concerned, that it would be right for me or for the Conciliation and Arbitration Services to intervene. I do not helieve that would help in producing an end to the dispute. It might cause larger difficulties.

MR FOOT—We looked at the whole position right from the beginning to see what action we could take which might have some reasonable chance, but this is a claim that the differentials are discontinuous that the differentials are discontinuous to the differentials are discontinuous that the differentials are discontinuous to the differentials are discontinuous that turbed. That is the claim of the signalmen, but the present structure was determined by the Railway Staff National Tribunal after long study and accepted by all three relies to present structure. three railway unions.

these few weeks. There is likely to be further action before Christmas. If he is not prepared to intervene, what are the Government prepared to do?

MR FOOT—I understand the in-dignation and the feelings of the travelling public. But indignation does not mean to say that inter-ference by the Government would end the dispute.

The NUR have facilities within their within for the dansland to

the democratic structure of their

Disagreement with views of BSC chairma

MR SPRIGGS (St Helen asked when the Prime Miniasked when the Prime Minimet the chairman of the Steel Corporation.

MR SHDRT, Lord Preside Council—The Prime 1 last formally met the chair the British 8 teel Corporat July 3 when he chaired a 1 of the NEDC.

MR SPRIGGS-Since the ing took place Mr Chri
Chataway, who has left the varive beaches to become tagent of the Tory Party in the media, has used the opporting at the chairman of the Steel Corporation and in the Chairman of the Steel Corporation and in the Beitish Chairman of the British Corporation has agreed that should be sold on the priva ket. (Conservative cheers.) In view of this undertakin, given by the chairman of could the Prime Minister to could the Fringe Name of re-earliest opportunity of re-the chairman with a man rely upon?

MR SHORT—I saw the

MR SHURT—I saw the view. I make no complaint Mr Chataway who was doi job as an interviewer. Nation the Prime Minister agreement of the prime of the entitled to express them.

MR PARDOE (North Co.
L)—When the Prime Ministrane to the chairman of the could be ask what are his planets. the conservation of energy British Steel Industry and p British Steel industry and p larly whether he recognizes is a mass consumer of ele-strated what plans the steel in last to reduce their entra-consumption of that commod-MR SHORT—That is a con-tive suggestion. I will pass it the Secretary of State for En-MR PEYTON (Yeovil, hope Mr Short will be able t something in his mind to c the indignation of Mr Si Does he not think it wou securly on the part of the G ment to take some note copinions of Dr Finniston who opinions of Dr runniscon war all has been in a better pt than him to judge the inadeq of the system of nationalizations. SHORT—I do not this was suggesting selling it because of the inadequacter. because of its success. ! Labour cheers, laughter, a short of "Back to the beaches".)

Parliamentary Notice House of Commons
Today at 11.00: Private mer
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Extra budget for regional fund coming in January Europaan Parliament

Luxembourg
The Parliament voted on the EEC Budget for 1975, debated earlier in the week. In earlier sessions, the Parliament had carried amendments to the Budget. Most of these were rejected by the Council of Ministers and MPs were not seeking to insist upon amendments, but some proposals were made to persist in amendments.

MR BERKHDUWER (Nether-lands, L). President of the Parliament, said that 10 pass the ameod-ments a three fifths majority of those voting and a majority of the MPs was needed. In practice this meant that 92 votes must be cast in favour of an amendment to carry HERR AIGNER (Germany, C-D)

moved an amendment on behalf of the Budgets Committee to reinsert in the Budget an item to provide for a Community system of guaran-teed incomes for workers during retraining, with a token amount, so that it would be decided to priorities. A Communist amendpriociple. A Communist amendment, in similar terms, was with drawn and the amendment carried by 110 votes to mil. He moved a further ameodment to restore an item to cover safety

measures tor staff on joint Community research. The Commission had entered in the Budget an item of 2,864,000 units of account increase for research and development research, including 1,244,000 ment research, including 1,244,000
u.a. for staff safety.
The amendment said that the
Parliament appreciated that the
Council would wish to wait for
completion of review of the fouryear programme before deciding

on non-urgent measures, but the staft safety was not in that category so the amendment sought to restore the 1,244,000 g.a. The amendment was carried by 107 votes to nil. An amendment by Herr Aigner to transfer an additional appropriation of 13,781,192 u.a. for research and investment was said

to be essential to carry ont the multi-annual research programme decided by the Council in May and June, 1973. The amendment was carried by 109 votes to nil. Three amendments were tabled to devote 300m u.a. to a regional development fund. HERR AIGNER said, in moving

the first amendment, that political groups were unanimous in believ-ing that the regional fund should begin this year. If there could be an assurance of a supplementary Budget for this by January, the amendments could be withdrawn. M CLAUDE CHEYSSON, Commissioner for Community Bud-

gets, said that they had decided yesterday that a supplementary Budget for this would be tabled in the early days of January to Council and Parliament. This would cover a minimum of 300m n.a. tor M PONCELET, French State Secretary for Economic Affairs

and Finance, for the Council of Ministers, agreed that the supple-mentary Budget should be tabled as soon as possible.

The Christian Democrat group had tabled an amendment to in-crease appropriations for food ald and increased cooperation with developing countries and for pay-ments to private development ald organization for carrying out social projects in the associated states. HERR AIGNER, for the Budgets

ance because they wanted to bene-fit and support the most impo-verished of the poor nations. M SPENALE (France, Soc) said the socialists would abstain. They were in favour of anything to help the Third World but they felt there should be something in re-serve for measures to help Euro-

pean workers.
MR DESCHAMPS (Belgium, C. D) said he could not agree, and a socialist abstention would result in socians: assistance would result in the amendment not being carried. He regretted that two proposals, which were both valid should be linked in this way. The socialists were camouflaging their objection to the aid.

The President said that as only the resident said that t

66 voted for the amendment, it was not carried. Before the vote on the Budget as a whole, the President said this was an historic moment because the Parliament, as representatives of the people, had fought since the foundation of the Communities for budgetary control.

MR MAIGAARD (Demnark,

MR MAICAARD (Denmark, Comm) said he did not believe the Community to he a suitable organism for international cooperation for a sensible and useful instrument for progress. Other parties holding such views stayed away. They did not, but because they came did not mean they changed their view. He would therefore vote against the Budget.

M SPENALE said that although the Budget did not contain all the the Budget did not contain all the items it should, they would sup-port it. Other party leaders expressed their support for the

The Budget was approved by 101 votes to about six, although the numbers voting against were not for Scotland.
THURSDAY: District Courts (Scotland)
Bill. remaining stages. Education Bill.
second reading.

M LEENHARDT (France, Soc) presented a motion from the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee on multinational companies. This said that multinational undertakings had developed on an ent did their best to ensure that company, which was both seller and buyer. No doubt the British Government did their best to ensure that the price was what it would have been in the course of trade but no government could force a company to pass on the result of exchange

ate variations.
I am convinced (he said) that the notorious and rather vindictive memous and caused serious the nourious and rather vindictive problems and dangers for the solution of which international regulations were lacking. This lack was especially so in employment, competition, tax obligations, international suppletary regulations, and the security of supply of some raw materials.

The motion congratulated the Commission on taking the initial invested in another. To suggest

profits made in one country were invested in another. To suggest that profits made in one country should be reinvested in only in that country would be to deny the very idea of the multinational.

They should cooperate with other powers, like the United States, to get action at world level. The Commission services were working towards definition of 9,000 multinational companies.

The motion was carried.

WEDNESDAY: Debate on the sconway on a motion for the adjournment Modern on Black.
THURSDAY: Debate on Developments in Surpean Communities White Paper, Debate on EEC documents on Community fluence and the draft General

MR FOOT—I deplore the great inconvenience which has been caused for many weeks to the traveiling public. I urge as strongly as I can on the signalmen that they should return to work and cease this action, but I do not believe, as it is an unofficial dispute concerned by the prior concerned.

MR MOONMAN (Basildon, Lab)—The excessive indignation expressed by Mr B. Braine does not help. (Conservative protests.) My constituency is equally involved.

MR CHANNON (Southend, West, C)—Excessive indignation is not surprising when people have had to put up with this inconvenience time and time again during

their union for the signalman to raise this question if they wish and that is the best course for the signalmen to take, to raise it inside

union.

MR BAGIER (Sunderland, South, Lab)—Would Mr Foot use his influence with the gress not to publicise and glamorize the organization known as the Union of Railway Signalmen, whose head diffice apparently is in a council house and the executive committee meets in a fish and ohip shop? (Laughter.)

MR FOOT—The organization is

MR FOOT—The organization is not recognized by Brisish Rail or the NUR, nor is it affiliated to the TUC. It is not a regular trade noion in any sense. The press can assist in reporting the mesters accurately.

Cowdrey to

in second

From John Woodcock Crickel Correspondent

Perth, Western Australia, Dec 12
Only three days after arriving in Australia, at the end of a flight that look 47 hours, Colin Cowdrey will definitely play in the second Test match starting here tomorrow. He is one of 12 players frum whim England will choose their learn, a selection made not so much by life tour committee as by the medical staff. Of the 17 cricketers now in the party, Anils, Edrich, Lever and Hendrick were ruled out by illness or injury. Taylor, the reserve wicketkeeper, is the only une nut in the 12 who is fit. Willis will have to have his thigh strapped befure playing, having strained it in Brisbane. The last place prubably rests between Old and Arnold, with just a chance that both will play and Timus will stand down. This will depend upon the look of the morning.

Today, with the temperature past 100, even the cold water

Today, with the temperature past 100, even the cold water has been running warm. It has been much the luttest day of the

tour, though a cool change is forecast. Cuwdrey has had two more nets, to everyone else's one. He has now had see in three day, with a wide variety of bowlers, ranging from schoolhoys to such old suidlers of Tony Lock, who, at 45 bowled seell on Mednesia.

at 45, bowled well on Wednesday

Porth, Western Australia, Dec 12

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tes in 1974 were down to
1900, a drop of 1135,000, the
c meeting of the board was
at Lord's yesterday. "This
icant drop was due in the
10 a fall in Test receipts
d by bad weather", said
Lush, the Buard's public
ans officer. "Counties are
concerved about their linand ways and means are
examined to improve the
2011, the added,
terday's financial statement
to the treaty that the average county, not

icant drop was due in the to a fall in Test receipts of by bad weather ", said Lush, the Buard's public ans officer. "Counties are concerved about their liminand ways and means are examined to improve the man ", he added, man are examined to improve the man ", he added, man man are examined to improve the man ", he added, man man are examined to improve the man ", he added, man man are examined to improve the man ", he added, man man are examined to improve the gray's financial statement; that the average county, not ga Test match, will get over less from the Board than in revious year. But a hopeful k came from the TCCB section of the properties of the mark, batsmen must cut out lengthy mid-wicket cooferences, and raptains ser their field as speedily as possible. Infimidatory fielding at close point—" the Tony Greig position "—has been banned in county cricket. From now on no field-unan will be allowed to cocroach on the 10-loot wide cut area of the pitch. It is hoped that due Australians will agree to play under this rule in next year's Test match is companies lave signed new with John Player, sponsors popular Sunday league, son and Hedges prize that been increased for next and the winoing team will mare \$2.000, a rise of \$500, waten finalists will receive as against \$1.250, the semi-finalists \$1.000, up by and the losing quarrer-final-100 as against \$2.250, the semi-finalists \$1.000, up by and the losing quarrer-final-100 as against \$2.250, the semi-finalists \$2.000, a rise of \$500.

semi-finalists £1,000, up by and the losing quarter-final-100 as opposed to \$500. The of the week award will be \$200. In the week award will be \$200, an increase of \$50. hoard again expressed manon to improve the rate of the England team. than any other cunitry's, although some of the others are not much better. It is unlikely that a system of fines such as those in cunity cricket will be introduced, because

Old Traiford, and Trent Bridge will gu on a rota for staging the first Test uf the summer Irom 1976 onwards.

Pensions: Players' non-contributory scheme will be introduced from January 1, 1975.

Extra time in Test matches: Play will continue for an extra hour only if it is in progress at 6.30.

Boundaries: Counties should make these as long as pussible to a maximum of 90 yards.

Laws: Experiments with rule 44, limiting unside fielders to five have been abandoned. In luture there will be no limitation on the legside except that there must be no more than two fielders behind the wicket.

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will be in operation in 1975. The batsman can nuw he out hit wicket even though he does nut play a

Umpires: Peter Ruchfurd, the tormer Gloucestershire wicket-keeper and Edwin Smith, the Derbyshire off spin bowler join the first class panel for 1975. They replace G. S. Ellintt (retired) and It. Yarnold (deceased).

The test panel, with the exception of Mr Elliott remains unchanged: W. E. Alley, H. G. Bird, W. L. Budd, D. J. Constant, A. E. Fagg, A. Jepson, J. Langridge and G. W. Spencer will officiate to the Prodential World Cup matches with K. E. P.dmer as reserve.

Retease of overseas players:

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The Board relterated last year's
decision that players on tuur in
England with their country will
not be released for their counties
until the tour is completed. Groundsmen: Mr Bernard Flack of Edghastun is the winner of the £100 Watney Mann county cricket

groundsman of the year award. Air D. Bridle of Brisiol wins £50 for grounds staging four to six three-day marches and £25 has been awarded to Mr C. F. Barker

afternoon.

That was Cowdrey's view, anyway. Lock's view of Cowdrey was equally complioentary. "You nearly got une through the gate there, Locky," une of the other bowlers said: to which Lock gave It as his considered opinion that Cowdrey's defence always was, and still is, a barn door, oot a gate. Cowdrey could have done no more than be has to cram two months' practice into three days.

His position in the order will His position in the order will be fluid. It could be number four if England bat first and get any

thing of a start, later than that if he should just have had two days in the field. The idea of putting fletcher up to number three is heing considered, though he is always happier at five.

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The last time on tour that England had to take the field with the unity players well enough to pot their flaonels on was at Bomhay in 1964. Curiously enough, just before Cowdrey being sent for as a reinforcement. Soon after the start Jim Parks had to take to his bed, which left England to play almost the entire match with 10 meo. Had Parks fallen ill half an hour earlier the chances are that Henry Blofeld, then, as now, a Henry Blofeld, then, as now, a free-lance journalist travelling with the team and a Cambridge Blue. would have won a cap and a place in cricket history. This time, should someone else fall by the wayside tomorrow, there is an assistant maoager, Alan Smith, raring to go and trained to the minute after bowling for many hours in the nets.

tudes to the game as much as changing tempers.
Inevitably, many references have been made to the "hodyline" series of 1932-33. It was the Australians who, at the time, called it hodyline. The English colled it "fast leg theory", which sounded much less offendamental farting the English captain. which sounded much less offensive. Jardioe, the English captain, insisted that the bowling of Larwood and Voce was not aimed at the batsman, but at the leg stump. Kippax, one of the sufferers, said he would accept that argument if the leg stump was 6ft high and 2ft wide.

Certainly, bodyline could be said to have had matical origins. In 1920 Bradman had devastated the English bowling: 974 runs in the

English bowling: 974 runs in the Test matches, average 139. (Lar-wood four for 292 to three Tests.) What Bradman might do to the what Bradman might do to the next series of Australian pitches, hardly bore thinking about. Desperate measures were needed. They were successful. Bradman's average was kept down to 56

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that cricketers say, especially if they are speaking for publication, and so I was not greatly shocked by the receor aggressive statements of the Australian fast howlers, though they certainly did not make pleasant reading. Many fast howlers have liked to project themselves as figures one fetings.

themselves as fiercesome fetlows, and if they now feel they may safely do so by ward as well as deed, it is a sign of changing atti-tudes to the game as much as

side) and his highest score was 103 not out, in the only Test 103 not out, in the only Test Australia won.

Jardine maintaided then and thereafter that the tactics were within the letter of the law (which was quite true, as the law then stood) and also its spirit (which, it is clear froot this distance of time at least, they were not). Those were the lines on which the argument was cooducted. Jardine would never have dreamt of saying that he liked to see the Australians hop. Nor would Larwood, In any case, was a

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Oldfield reels away after playing a ball from Larwood into his face at Adelaide. Larwood, as he fulluws through, shows his concern

The 'fast leg theory' that might have severed the Anglo-Australian link

We are not yet back to bodyline

would Larwood.

Larwood, in any case, was a professional playing under orders, but he also published a book in which he defended the tuches, and though it contained some slighding references to the courage of Australian hatsmen, bis main point was that hodyline was legal and effective. He does not indicate whether he enjoyed howling it. The general impression given by the English defeoders of fast leg theory is that they were carrying out a stero duty.

That was a Test series of in-

That was a Test series of un-paralleled bitterness. Imagine what would have happened if Lar-wood had Issued a statement after the third Test at Adelaide (when Woodfull and Oldfield were badly hits saying that he enjoyed hit-ting barsmen! (He certainly did not always do so, as witnessed by the picture of Oldfield's accident

on to his head.1 Imagine what would have happened if Jardine had stated he found it satisfying whenever an Australian batsman was made to wince! Well, a great many things might have happened, possibly up to a severaoce of the Anglo-Australian link. At any rate, there would have been no more Test cricket in that series.

Autre temps, autre mneurs.

Autre temps, autre mneurs. Perhaps they were more hypocritical in those days, or perhaps they were just better mannered. For myself, I feel that unpleasant actions speak louder than or pleasant words, yet can still be made even uglier by them. of bumpers. But 1 must be careful, in mak-

But I must be careful, in making this general reflection, to avoid suggesting that Lillee and Thomson are bodyline howers. The word bodyline bas recurred hecause of the legacy of III will left by that tour, not because of any real similarity of method. The essence of hodyline was howling systematically at a 6ft x 2ft leg stump to a packed leg-side field. Jardine believed In one-sided fields. When the ball was new, Larvood and Voce would bowl around the off stump tu a crowd of slips and gullies.

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Once the shine had gone, the field would switch to the leg side, with, usually, five men in the close positions and two in the deep; and then the bumpers would

begin—not use or two or three to the over, but five or six, regularly. The angriest crowd demunstration of the lour came when, after Woodfull had been hit. Jardine for Larwood's next over moved the field to leg. Larwood took 33 wickets in the saries, and 18 of them were either bowled or leg-before—which, as Jardine points out in his introduction to Larwood's book, suggests he was bowling straight—but that does not take into account the formidable effect of the occasional fast yorker slipped in among a string of bumpers. begin-not use or two or three

Lillee bowling five or six humpers an over, with seven fieldsmen on the leg side, I will believe we are back to bodyline,

I suppose that even by current standards and current law, they still bowl too many; but the side with the fast bowlers always do. This is the common change tif Test cricket, and we have to leave it to cricket, and we have to leave it to the umpires to see that they do not exceed a fair allocation. I am a little concerned, writing from far away, that England may waste too much of their bowling energies in trying to make an over-belligerent response, which might be far from their best tactics. But our sage cricket correspondent will tell us about that.

Alan Gibson

oyd humbles the Indian spin attack

g at over a run a minute. shed a commanding lead of ans over India with three uns over India with three nnings wickers standing on cond day of the second Test pday. Vivian Ricbards made it out as West lodies swept for seven wickets in reply ia's 220 all out. After the ay tomocrow, India will he ig a rearguard action to oing two duwn in the five-series.

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1 Lloyd which dictated the 2 of the day's play. His s broke the stranglehold of dian spin bowlers n the time Lloyd came in, Indies scored 255 runs in 175 minutes. The once-Indian spin attack of Bedi, in a and Venkataraghayan was the sword with a vengeance. Lloyd's departure. Iulien Lloyd's departure. Julien

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5 in even time and Boyce (36

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1 bowling. In 330 minutes,
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iss of six wickets,
another cool but sunny morn-

medium-pace of Abid Ali and Solkar. Their difficulties began when Bedi was brought on after 20 minutes. Prasanna joined him a few minutes later and immediately Greenidge, who had louked quite confident, was caught at the wicket for 31 as he tried to cut. Willett, the 21-year-old slow left arm howler, presented a dead bat to all the bowling and resisted for 90 minutes before Prasanna beat his forward stroke and howled him his forward stroke and howled him Kallicharrao was constantly worried by Bedi's flight and

worried by Bedi's flight and accuracy and might have been out more than once. The hour hefore luncheon brought a meagre 34 runs off 23 overs. None of the batsmen was prepared to use his feet against the spinners, who kept Kallicharran and Richards on a very tight rein. Just when Kallicharran seemed to be finding his real form, he was ont cutting at Bedi.

At 123 for four, West Indies were oooe too securely placed. But Lloyd showed his aggressive intentious from the start, although be was a little lucky when he swept Bedi and saw the ball pop up

lng, Greenidge and the nightwatch-man Willen were untroubled by the medium-pace of Abid Ali and Solkar. Their difficulties began the 22-year-old Antignan swept Prasanna high over square-leg for

Six.

In the OCRT over. Lloyd struck Bedi over his head for six and the run rlot was on. The fifty stand for the fifth wicket came in 44 minntes and the hundred was reached in a further 26 minutes.

Test scorecard INDIA: First innings. 220 IP. Sharma 54; A. M. E. Roberts 3—511.

WEST INDIES; First Lasings
G. Greenidge, c Engineer, b
Prasanna
D. L. Murray, c Palol, b Solkar
T. Willoit, b Prasanna
I. Kalitcharran, c Palel, b Bedi
A. Richards, not out
C. H. Lloyd, 1-b-w, b Solkar
C. H. Lloyd, 1-b-w, b Solkar
U. Julien, c Bedi, b Prasanna
D. Julien, c Bedi, b Prasanna
D. Boxes, not out
Extras (b 2)

FALL DF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-50, 3-73, 4-123, 6-248, 6-248,

Big increase in prizemoney for the Open

A 50 per cent increase in prize money for the Open championship at Carpousne next year was announced by the Royal and Ancient Golf Cluh yesterday. For Ancient Golf Clun yesterday. For three years the total lias been 550,000, but in 1975 there will he F75,000 at stake. This makes it the richest golf event staged in Britain, beating the lucrative Carling, Alcan and John Player courses are to recent sizes. tournaments of recent times.
The Open champion will collect
£7,500, £2,000 more than Gary
Player received for winning the Player received for winning the title at Lytham this year. Other awards go up in proportion, with the player finishing 18th collecting £1.000, the winners prize in 1959. All 150 players who tee off in the championship proper will be guaranteed at least £100, also a 50 per cent increase over this year.

The news comes when golf The news comes when golf seems likely, in common with many other sports, to go through a period of recession next year, with

several sponsored events missing from the calendar. The details of the full 1975 British and European professional tour will be announced next week by John Jacobs, the tournament director general of the Professional Golfers' Association. Keith MacKenzie, the secretary of the Royal and Ancient, said that of the Royal and Ancient, said that "good housekeeping" had made the Open increase possible. "The record crowds at Lytham this year were a help, but we also reaped the benefit of going back to a course where an Open had heen held before" he said. "Next year, too, there will be increased admission charges."

He said the championship committee felt justified in putting up the prices. "The prize money has been held at the same tevel for the previous three years. Professional golf may be having difficulties but the Open is not."



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conference and made several ances of Government belp, h the Sports Council, to e athletes to gain compec-t for loss of earnings and out-tket expenses. It is also ind to set up bursaries to cover able our athletes to gain ex-uce in the right conditions against the hest possible

sition.

British Olympic Association been encouraged by the ter to widen their Olympic d. Mr Howell said that where bare, in the past, raised money than was absolutely sary to send each successive to the Olympic Games, they out raised enough to cover raining of the next team over rever period.

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k, was to convince sponsors
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to too hard. In the view of
Peter Lawson, general secreof the CCPR, some sports
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Hope nominated to meet Sterling for vacant title

Boxing Correspondent

By Neil Allen
Boxing Correspondent

The new Bridsh llght-middleweight champion, Maurice Hope,
has heen nominated by the British
Boxing Board of Control to meet
Bunoy Sterling for the vacant
British middleweight title.

Sterling came from Jamaica to
live here and Hope from Antigua,
and both have completed their 10
years residential qualifications to
hox for a British title. But this
will not be, as it has been ctaimed,
the first national championship
hetween two immigrants. In
November, 1973, Des Morrison
from Jamaica heat Joe Tetteh
from Ghana in London for the
light-welterweight title.

The British lightweight title left
vacant by Ken Buchanan of Edinhurgh, who defends his European.
championship against Leonard
Tayarez of France, in Paris next
Tuesday, will be decided between
two other Scots, Jim Watt and
Johony Cheshire, at the Albany
Hotel, Glasgow, on Jamary 27.
1 note that in Paris Tayarez, who
has been outpointed twice by
Buchanan, says "he is always the

perfect gentleman in the ring ", which should bring the smile of the tiger to our Kenneth's craggy

face.

The veleran promoter, Jack Solomons, has certainly not lost his old swashbuckling showman-ship. The official signing for the long awaited British and Common-wealth beavyweight championship, hetween Damuy McAlinden and Bunny Johnson (amother Jamaican challenger), which is scheduled for London's World Sporting Club on Janoary 13, will be staged at the House of Commons next week.

The excuse for the unusual setting seems to he the presentation of cassettes of speeches made by the Prime Mindster and Edward Heath at a recent World Sporting dinner to hopour the hirthday of dinner to honour the birthday of Lord Shinwell. I am not sure that this is what Johnson had in mind when be complained about "half ignored weighing in ceremonics in some dinky room" but the young man from Kingston, who gave up reading law in order to become a welder and then a boxer, is sure to enjoy his visit to the Mother of Parliaments.

Conteh relinquishes title

heavyweight hoxiog champion, has decided to relinquish his British nde, his manager, George Francis, said last night. Maxie Smith, aged 31, a former Marine from Stockton,

said as former Marine from Stockton, had heen nominated to meet Conteh for the tile. Mr Francis said: "tt is a sad decision, but it is the only one we could come to it the circumstances."

Smith may now be marched with the former champion, Chris Finnegan, for the British championship. Mr Francis said that Conteh did not want to part with the British ritle hecause it meant be would not be able to get a third north on the Lonsdale Belt, which would have made it his own property. "I shall request the Board of Control to make a present of the belt to John in recognition of his world little win." Mr Francis said.

test at the Albert Hall ou January Mr Francis explained, and would also have to defend his world tide by the end of March. "We would have been prepared to defend the British tide after that, but it would not be fair to keep someone waiting about for so long. We think this is fair to hoxing, for otherwise the British championship would stagnate, and I believe in keeping boxing going."

In nominating Smith, the Board

In nominating Smith, the Board of Control were undountedly attempting to nudge Cooteli into relinquishing his British title. For, if Conteb had gone on with the contest, his world fittle would automatically have been at stake. This probably would not have been for the sort of purse that Cooteh can command as woeld champion.

By John Blunsden The mood of economy conscious-

ness in motor racing is gathering strength apace. While the Commission Sportive Internationale are dehating whether to restrict the fuel capacity of formula one cars the Antomobile Club de Ouest, organizers of the Le Mans 24-hour race, have announced that their event will also place the accent on economy.

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Every car will be required to cover 20 laps of the 8.4-mile circuit between refuelling stops, which will mean that the fastest entries will have to achieve a reduction in fuel consumption of up to 25 per cent compared with their 1974 figures. All cars at Le Mans are restricted in fuel capacity according to their engine size, which means that the potential out-

right winners, with their threelitre engines, can carry just a little uver 26 gallons.

The effect of this new rule will mean a general detuning of engines, as well as a determined effort he teams to perfect the aerodynamics of their cars and so create the minimum of drag with-

create the minimum of drug without loss of stability.

In announcing the new regulations, the organizers have advised
rotential entrants that they will be
required to take part in a fourhour race earlier in 1975 in order
to demonstrate their capability of
running at the required rate of
fuel consumption before they will
be accepted for the 24-hour race
in June. It is possible that the
CSI will consider bringing in a
change of rule for other longdistance races next year, bringing
them into line with the Le Mans
economy drive.





otor racing

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than 142 mudifications to the BT44 design seen this year. Among the major changes are a new and shorter nose section, a changed rear wing, a modified cockpit to improve the airflow around the driver, and a new method of attaching the car's rear suspension to the engine. John Blunsden
Yhile some formula one teams
to receive reduced financial
king for 1975, the Brahham
ting Organization have secured
najor sponsor for the first time
the team's 13-year involvement to the engine.

the team's 13-year involvement grand prix racing.
Inder a two-year agreement conded with Martini and Rossi, rios Reutemann, of Argentina, uner of three world champion-p races thus year, and his azilian teammate. Carlos Pace, il have at their disposal a total five Martini Brubhams, three of the will travel to all 15 champoship races, the other two to held back as a test-and-development car and as a back-up spare. Two new cars are being, built the team's beadquarters in the team's beadquarters in the team's beadquarters are ing hrought up to 19975 speciliation, which involves no less while the team will cuntime to use the Cosworth Ford V8 engine in the improved BT44 cars, the Brabham chief, Bernard Ecclestone, bas sanctioned his chief designer, Gordon Murray, to produce a completely new chassis, which will carry the designation BT45, to accommodate the 12-cylinder Alfa Romeo engine. The aim is to have this car running and tested by July, which would mean that if it proves fully compehitive in trials the new car should appear in the British Grand Prix at Silverstone.

Le Mans 24 hours race puts accent on economy

Derby may be judged bad losers if they persist with official protest

Derby County are utilikely to have e sympathetic hearing if they pursue their idea of complaining five complaints to support their to the European Foothell Emon case against the referee: (1) his overall poor handling: (2) the decision to award a penalty against their Euela Cup third round de in Todd: till allowing the same side in kick off at the start of the day. Indeed, as so many of their on players, supporters and directors accepted that the result, a player to receive treatment off the 5-4 aggregate win for Velez Mostar was a fair reflection of the two legs, there is a distinct danger nf Derhy appearing to be bad

Their case is that the referee, Charles Corver, from the Nether-lands, failed to control the match ton an acceptable Europeen standard. David Mackay, the Derby County manager, said of the two penalties given to Mostar that neither would have been awarded to bis team in similar circum-stances. He sent a telegram to terday saying the club would probably be making a formal complaint.

Dutch-Belgian move to hold cup finals

Amsterdam, Dec 12.—The Notherlands and Belgium today infered to organize jointly the 1978 World Cup tournament if Argentine should give up their rights to do so. The offer was appropriated at a large, meeting of announced at a lunch meeting of the Royal Netherlands Football Association (KNVB) here after consultations with the Belgian

Football Association. that the political and econumic situation will make it impossible for the Latin American nation to commue.

FIFA said they had not yet been

informed by the Netherlands and Belgium of their uffer to organize the finels. A spokesman said; "We have had no contact from the two national associations.

Today's fixtures

Tennis

champagne lunch on the flight bac!: home yesterday, the mana-ger and players compiled a list of fleid without permission; 15) not stopping the fire crackers spread-

stopping the fire crackers spreading smoke across the pitch (which was already gloomy with mountain mist before the match hegan).

Probably Boolton, the goal-keeper, best summarized Derby's real feelings by saving "We didn't deserve to win but we were cheated in the end," The referee awarded the decisive penalty when the ball hit Todd scemingly on the upper erm end chest. Todd said he could not get out of the way end that was how it appeared at the lime from the press box. In fact, Gemmill, the Derby captain,

I'm sorry, I've got to give the penalty.' That's a diabolical thing for a UEFA referee to say." Mr Mackey will wait until he sees the television film before linally deciding whether to make a formal protest and one hopes that he will reconsider and accept defeat by a team he underesti-meted. The curlous fact that Derby kicked off in hoth halves without the referee noticing was hardly damning evidence of the official's competence. Mr Mackay edulited: "Velez were superh in the first half but they were oo the point of collapse in the second. We would have won in extra time." Desoite their fine home record, Velez bave surprised themselves by achieving so much in the Uefa Cup in a season when the com-oethion is Intense and all of

Britain's teams have dropped out after having had representatives in the tinals for the past nine years. At least Derby were in illustrious company in defeat, Ajax, three times winners of the European Cup losing on away goals to Juventus, leaving the Italians and Borussia Mönchen Gladbach as favourites.

Bishop Auckland forward

with Presson North End on Saturday. Billy Lynn, a forward, has strained his groin in e fall on an icy footnath. Instead uf joining the rest of the party he is having treatment and is doubtful.

For their de with Mansfield Tuwn Brian Tiler, the Wigan Athlede manager, will move Gilli-Argentina are going ahead with Athletic manager, will move Gilliplens to bold the next World Cup brand to full back to replace finals and their officials have Sutherland, who was injured in the denied ellegations from Europe cup game with Shrewsbury, Jackson, who came on as substitute and scored the winning goal against Shrewsbury, comes into the side to take over Gillibrand's midfield

> Wigan officials are confidently predicting their biggest crowd for years. Although advance ground sicket sales have been "very disappointing " all stand fickets have long been suld end they expect about 15,000.

Fourth division

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Bishop Auckland have suffered a late sethack in their preparations for their second round FA Cup He with Preston North End on Saturday. Billy Lynn, a forward, has strained his groin in e fast on an icy footpath. Instead uf joining the rest of the party he is having treatment and is doubtful.

Both have been training this week, Cooper having recovered from an achilles tendon injury, and Gles a leg strain, end they are to be tested today. McQueen, who has been troubled by a slight hamstring injury for most of the season, had intensive treatment yesterday and

Is expected to play.

Football League club representatives rejected a proposal for regionalisation of the management committee at a meeting in London vesterday—but the proposal, by Midland League clubs, will almost certainly still be accepted. The proposal was rejected on a legal technicality and after the matter has been referred to lawyers the clubs are likely to accept it by postal vote.

The Midlands clubs suggest a management committee of ten members including slx regional representatives from first and second division cinbs. There will also he a president, two vice

prisidents and a reppresentative from third and fourth division clubs.

hurt on eve of big tie

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LTA budgeting for a deficit of £10,000 Rising costs have forced the might have been expected, but it uf the council, the meeting passed

Lawn Tennis Association to hudget for a deficit of at least \$10,000 in 1975. This was stated at yesterday's annual meeting in London when the treasurer. Harry Sargeant, said that this year there was a surplus of \$2,966 com-pared with \$15,325 for 1973. He said that a deficit was avoided this year only by the continued generous help from sponsors who, in addition to putting up substantial price money, contributed \$38,424 to LTA funds.

must be remembered that prize money was also increased sub-stantially. Mr Sargeant said. Other expenditure on the tournement rose astronomically.

Sir Carl Aarvold, the president, who was reelected, praised the British Wightman Cup team's vic-tury in October and said there the Dayls Cup. Commenting on South Africa's linal victory by default because the Indians refused to play them. Sir Carl said: "How sad it will be if our sport becomes some sort of tool of poli-tical policy."

uf the council, the meeting passed a change of rule that no person will be eligible for election or reelection in any capacity except as honorary life vice-president or honorary life councillor after his seventy-fifth birthday. Although there will be a serious decline in the number of major sponsoreo tournaments pext year, little was said about it at vesterday's meetsaid about it at yesterday's meet-

Sponsors have pulled out of the British hard-court champlonships at Boornemonth and Tony Pickard (Nottinghamshire) asked There was also a Sports Cuuncil grant of £11.536.
The 1973 Wimhledon championships provided a surplus of ships provided a surplus from this year's Wimbledon—which will be shown in the 1973 accounts—had them expected at £75,000. "In the supplus from the shown in the 1975 accounts—had the carefully consteen expected at £75,000. "In the clubs and their members that view of the higher admission charges this year, a larger surplus

"How said it will be if our sport pickard (Nottinghamshire) asked for Informetion about next year's a Bournemouth", he added. British men's and women's indicated the event, "if indeed there will be a Bournemouth", he added. Bryan Buswell theoremsouth, chairman of the Hard Courts are based on the results of the nomination at the luture of lawn tennis lies."

To encourage younger members

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To encourage younger members

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Nastase and Newcombe may meet again

Melbourge. Dec 12.—The fevour-titus John Newcombe of Australia and Ille Nastase of Romanie are almost certain to clash in the semi-final round of the Commer-mexico's Raul Ramirez, after their cial Union Masters tennis tuurnoment here. Both pleyers won their way into Saturday's semi-final with comfortable victories in the third of the preliminary round robin groups today.

Nestase, Masters champion for the past three years, is top quelifier in the "white" group, and Newcombe is second in the "blue" group. The top two in cach of the two four-man groups go through to the semi-final round. Guillermo Vilas, of Argentina, is certain to be top qualifier in the "blue" group, though be still bas e postponed match to play, and Raul Ramirez of Mexico should gain, the other semi-final spot from the "white" group.

In today's matches, Newcombe spot from the "white" group.
fn today's matches, Newcombe
beat Ouny Parun, of New Zealand,
6-4, 6-4, Vilas, winner of the
1974 grand prix series, beat Bjoro
Borg of Sweden 7-5, 6-1 in the
"blue" group, while Nastase
beat Harold Solomon of the United
States by 6-3, 6-4 and Ramirez
defeated Manuel Orantes, of Spain,
6-3, 6-1 in the "white" group.
At the start of the day, Nastase
completed his rain-interrupted completed his rain-interrupted match from yesterday, bearing Orantes 6—4, 6—2.

Nastase was never seriously troubled by Orantes. Although the Spaniard took the first two games in the first set yesterday, Nastase then won four in a row and although the double faulted on a set point, took it easily. He broke Orantes service again in the first game today and it was not first game today and it was not until the seventh game, after a string of five Nastase victories,

match on Tuesday, refused to talk to reporters after his match today. Two matches-Viles egainst Parun and Ramirez against Solomon—which were postponed yes-terday because of rain, will now be played tomorrow. The rain gave way to hot sunshine today, though players had to contend with

a sriff breeze. Newcombe, 30-year-old former Wimbledon champion, who lost his first match of the tournament to Vilas, showed his improvement to Vilas, showed his improvement over the past two days in his straight sets victory over the dogged Parun. Although Newcombe was serving and voileying with much more strength and assurance, it was Parun who almost got the first break of the set, in the eighth game. The New Zealander held three advantage points before Newcombe produced an ace to save the game. Newcombe fought back to hreak duced an ace to save the game. Newcombe fought back to hreak Parun's service and lead 5—4, and then beld off Parun to take the set in 40 minutes.

Newcombe gained the break again in the third game of the second aet, and beld on to his margin for victory. He said afterwards: "I know more of wbat I am doing now than I did on the first day. When you haven't played for a while and you are up against someone as good as Vilas, you can't plan ahead. Now I am able to work out what is happening for a comple of points ahead." Newcombe has been beaten by Nastase three out of the four times they have met in the past though they have never clashed on grass.

hy beating Borg. Vilas has now won both of his two matches in the round robin section. Resulta:

Results:

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Urantes | Spain| 6-4, 6-2; J. Newcombe | Australia| beat II. Parum (New
Zedland| 6-4, 6-4; I. Nastass
(Romania) beat H. Solomon (US)
R. Borg (Swedon) 7-5, 6-1; R.
Ramirez (Megko) beat H. Solomen
(US) 6-3, 6-1. Router.

Perth, Dec 12.—An Indian Davis Cup player, Sashi Menon today became the latest victim of the unseeded Peter McNamara, of unseeded Peter McNamara, of Victoria, in the Western Australia open tennis tournament here.

open tennis fournament here.

McNamara, who previously eliminated an American John Andrews, an Buglish junior. Malcolm Robinson, and a West German, Harald Elschenbroich, fought back to dispose of Menon in the quarter-final round. The Indian took the first set comfortably 6—2, but McNamara shrugged off the setback and won the next two sets 6—3, 6—4, to qualify for a semi-final round place against an Australian Davis Cup player Ross Case.

In the Women's singles, Olga Morozova, of the Soviet Union, is the only overseas player in the last four, after her 7—6, 6—3 win over Lesley Hunt of Australia. MEN'S SINGLES: Quarter-final round:
G. Masiers (Australia) bear G. Roid
(US), 7-6, 6-4: A. Metrevall (USSR)
vo R. Gilithan (Australia), scr: P.
McNamars (Australia), beat S. Monor (India: 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; R. Cass (Australia) bear M. Anderson (Alis-tralia), 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

tralia), 1—6, 6—4, 6—3.

WOMEN'S SINCLES: Quarier-final round Mrs M. Court (Ausipalia), best Called Mrs. Court (Ausipalia), best Mrs. Court (Ausipalia), best Mrs. Court (Ausipalia), best Mrs. Court (Ausipalia), 1—6, 6—3; Mrs. Court (Ausipalia), 1—6, 6—3; Miss. K. Melville (Australia) best Miss. K. Sawarnatso (Japan), 6—1, 6—1; Miss. E. F. Geologong, best Miss. M. Nevtelilova (Crecheslovekte), 6—2, 6—3,—Reuter.

A stronghold will again be weakened

Rugby League

Wigan, traditionally a Rugby League stronghold, will be overtaken by Association Foutball fever for the second time in three weeks tomorrow. Wigan face one of their most important first diviof their most important first divi-sion clashes of the season against Widnes. But their support is likely to be badly depleted by the coun-ter-attraction of Wigan Athletic's FA Cup the against Mansfield Town.

Wigan Athletic had a five-figure

Wigan Athletic had a five-figure gate for their replay against Shrewsbury Town in the previous round of the FA Cup. and Wigan's lest home Rugby League game against Rochdale intracted only 3,500 supporters.

Wigan, despite the lack of support, will be striving to close the gap on St Heiens, the first division leaders, who have opened a six point gap. With St Heiens facing the possibility of defeat at home against Warrington, the inform Wigan side will have to be an top form to hold off the challenge of Widnes, who are only one point hehiod them.

Squash rackets



Mobibullah Khan (Pakistan), right, top seed in the British Amateur squash rackets championships at Wembley, in play when winning his first round match against V. Yorke-Long (GB):

Cortina race may be declared invalid

Berne, Dec 12.—The result of today's women's World Cup downhill race at Corina downhill race at Cornna d'Amperzo, won hy Amemarie Moser, of Austria, may he invalidated because Austrian skiers were the new "fish-skin" race suits banned yesterday by the International Ski Federation (FIS), Dr Marc Hodler, FIS president, said here. dent, said here.

Dr Hodler said he had asked for reports from the chairman of the race organizing committee and the FIS delegate at the race about the suits wore by the Austrians, who took five of the first 10 places. He has also asked for confirmation that a cable he sent yesterday to Cortina d'Ampezzo announcing the ban on the plastic race suits had been delivered in

FIS banned the suits, designed to reduce wind resistance, because they said they increased the risk of injury to skiers who fell. Their smooth, silppery material failed to grip the snow and racers were liable to slide along the ground at high speed after a spill.

Dr Hodler told Reuter he had been informed that all teams had oheyed the ban except the Anstrians. Italian racers had turoed their plastic suits inside out to conform, because they had no spare kit to hand. West German girls did not take part in protest against the Austrians' use of the plastic suits.

plastic suits.

Dr Hodier said no final decision about today's result could be taken until be had received a report from the FIS technical delegate at the race, Hilde Schmied Hoderr, an Anstrian official. "But most probably the result cannot stand", he said. "I do not know whether these property whether these ways the said." those racers who wore the suits will be disqualified or whether the whole race will be declared void, at least as far as the World Cnp is concerned."

Dr Hodler said the cable annuucing the ban on the suits was sent from FfS headquarters at Berne at noon yesterday. "It could Berne at noon yesterday. "It could he that the telegram was not delivered in time, you never know, with strikes and so on", he said. "But some of the teams knew. yesterday about the ban."

In perfect conditions of snow and weather, Mrs Moser had Covered the 2.3 kilometre (1.4 mile) course with 540 metre vertical drop in min 29.45sec. Cindy Nelson, of the United States, was second, 0.47sec behind, and Mrs Moser's compatrint Wikrud Drevel, third in 1min 30.79sec. The narrowness of Mrs Moser's margin over the American girl Indicated that the Austrian no longer has the form that took her

Jones as third

John Curry and Gail Keddle, the

with one notable exception. Glyo

Jones, who was unable to compete

for the national title as he bas not

yet passed his intermediate gold medal test, has been included as

third string for the men's events.

This is a sensible, if slightly

unusual, decision, for Jones

showed last season that he is a

youngster of sufficient ability to

In 1974 he was sixteenin out of 24 in his first European championship. The size of the team is limited, under International Skating Union rules, by the degree of success each country's skaters achieved in the previous season. Accordingly, Britain can send only 11 to the world championships and 13 to the European. The team is:

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONEHIPS (Copenhages, January 25 to February 1):
News: J. Gurty, R. Coustus, G. Jones,
Womes: G. Keddin, Y. Kayanash,
Westwe, G. Keddin, Y. Kayanash,
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William and R. Calling,
Jell Thomston, K. Plan and R. Early
Lance.
WIRLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Coloredo
Springs, March 4 to 31: As for the
European event except G. Jones and
Y. Kayanash.

No decision has yet been taken

No decision has yet been taken on whether to send an entry for the pairs events. Colin Taylforth and Linda McCafferty-Myles won the British title earlier in the thouth, but were clearly below form. They have heen esked to skate egain before the selectors at a special occasion in January.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Blac Hawks 5, Atlanta Flames 2; Los Angale Kings 4, Toronto Mapis Leafs 1.

Foster's routine

Tomorrow afternoon the town's

recreation organizer has to be in reasonable shape for an 8,000 metres cross-coubtry race there against leading British and conti-

nental ruoners. The event is at 3 pm in front of television cameras

and has even drawn an entry from the AAA 800 metres champion, Steven Ovett, who say, tongue in cheek: "Foster hasn't got a real finish, that's why he has to kick to the middle of a race."

Foster, sadly admitting that his friend David Bedford has had to withdraw with a hamstring injury, is not in the best of condition him-self. " I've heen injured but we're

self. "I've neen haured not we're not quite sure what the troohle is. Hamstring, back, knee, they're all connected together, aren't they, like the song used to say. But I'd better finish in the first half a dozen or else I'll be in a lot more trooble with all a more are the said.

trouble with all my mates up here."

Athletics Correspondent

Ice hockey

Athletics

Award does

not change

compete internationally.

for Britain

By Dennis Bird

Ice skating

Annemarie Moser (Austria) wearing a triumphant smile and the "fish-skin" suit that may lead to her disqualification. Left, Cindy Nelson (United States), and right, Wiltrud Drexel

to 19 previous victories, regardless of any advantage gained by the fish skin " suit. Austrians took four of the first 10 places in the downhill, confirm-ing general expectations, but a big surprise came from the French team, who elso had four giris io the top ten.

" I didn't really expect to wis ", Mrs Moser said after the race, " I was afraid I would do badly in the technically difficult bends at the end of the course and when I saw
I only had a slight advantage over
Cindy Nelson at the half-way mark
I said to myself 'yon've lost'."
"I am disappointed". Miss
Nelson said, "because I skied
much worse today than in practice.

I inought i had a good chance to-day, but I hit something with my skis at the start and then I mis-judged some of the bends at the aro and found myself out of line." Switzerland's double Olympic champion, Marie-Titeres Madig, who was a disappointing 13th, blamed her performance on the waxing of ber skis. "Our trainers completely misjodged it and I waxing of ber skis. "Our trainer completely misjodged it and wasn't sliding at all ", she said. RESULT: 1. A. Moser / Anstra. The 19.45 sec. 2. C. Nelson LS. This 29.45 sec. 2. C. Nelson LS. This 29.45 sec. 2. C. Nelson LS. This 29.45 sec. 3. C. Nelson LS. This 29.45 sec. 2. C. Nelson LS. This 29.45 sec. 2. C. Nelson LS. Schrolle / Anstra. 150.85; 7. North Reprint France. 1.50.85; 7. North Reprint France. 1.50.85; 7. North Reserve. Anstra. 1.50.85; 1. North Reserve. Anstra. 1.50.85; 1. North Reserve. 1. North R

Show jumping

Cheerfulness may help the new president Mr Jubn Jack, the chairman of the Association, told members that show jumping has better prospects than many other sports at this time hecause sponsors are not so far withdrawing their support. A lety on prizemoney may be intro-ouced if necessary in 1975, and provision has been made for this

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris Lord Rupert Nevill, the retiring president of the British Showpresident of the British Show-jumping Association, handed over the reins at the annual general meeting et the Café Royal yester-day to Colonel Harry Llewellyn, who follows the late Colonel "Taffy" Welwyn and Colonel Sir Michael Ansell, as the third com-peting rider to hold office. The proposal was seconded by Dougles Bunn, who said: "Harry Llewel-lyn is a man of many qualities and his abiding quality is cheer-fulness. We shall all be so hard up for the next two years that this up for the next two years that this is a quality we shall be much in need of."

The stewards for 1975 are Major

Derek Allhusen, Lieutenant Colo-nel F. Beale, G. R. Beabow, John Blakeway. Kenneth Cottell, and Reg Hughes. The election for four members of the executive commitmembers of the executive commit-tee resulted in Devid Broome heading the poll with 777 votes, followed by Ronnie Massarella with 549, George Hobbs with 547 and Pamela Carruthers with 548. Among the unsuccessful candidates were Colonel Guy Wathen (409), Richard Hartley (329), W. W. Pritchard (188), and E. W. Ward (141).

eral meeding sometimes became a verbel free for all seem to taxe gone with the elevation to the committee of George Hobbs. This was reflected in a mass exodus after the official luncheon and e after the official luncheon and e consequent reduction in attendance. Cecil Williams, who originally owned Beau Supreme, soggested bigger courses for the regional finals of the National Foxhunter Championships and the future conduct of this competition was discussed at some length.

Surrisingly, no one mentioned Surprisingly, no one mentioned the professional/amateur situation, for which Colonel Llewellyn, fresh for which Colodel Liewellyn, fresh from the general assembly of the International Equestrian Federanon in Brussels, was well prepared. Sadly, one is forced to conclude either that conditions in show jumping are already nearly perfect, or that an appalling apathy has neset the sport.

Rugby Union

Rackets

Watkins escapes suspension

John Watkins, Gloucester's and Evans are called up for England flank forward who was ordered off in the match egainst Oxford University at Iffiev Road last Saturday week, has been conditionally discharged by the coucty's disciplinary committee.

Meanwhile Coventry bedder the Headington last weekend will Meanwhile, Coventry, bedly affected by area trial calls, have been forced to make wholesale changes for their match against the Welsb Cup winners, Llanelli, at Coundon Road, tomorrow. With eight of the regular backs unavailable, Barnwell, who is now at Loughborough Colleges, returns to the wing for the first time since last season's knockout fimil. In last season's knockout final. In eddition, Knee, Foulks, Coulthard

Brothers seeded

By Our Rackets Correspondent

Nicholls, of Malvern, are the top two seeds for the HK Foster Cop,

the schoolboys racket singles

championship, which begins at Qoeen's Club, on Monday. Mark

Nicholls holds the trophy, and

with his brother, the bolder of the

colts' title, also won the doubles

Not since the days of the famous Foster family, also of Maivern, of whom six H.K., W.L., B.S., G.N., M.K., and N.J.A., were in winning pairs between 1892 and 1908 have

brothers dominated schools rackets to such a degree. There is no precedent for brothers being seeded one and two in the Foster

Cop confloed to the 15 leading

A massive total of 112 have entered for the other two competitions, the Renny Cup and the colts championship. The draw for the H.K. Foster Cup, Is as follows:

FIRST ROUND: M. W. Nicholis (Malvern) V. W. A. Höllington (Halloybury); P. H. W. Priddy (Marborough: Y. R. A. J. Myrtio (Winchester); M. I. H. Perkins (Wellington) v. F. C. Satow (Rughy); C. J. L. Paul (Harrow) v. J. O. D. Orders (Winchester); M. A. Szarf (Harrow) v. P. H. M. Greig (Harrow); W. Ormond (Wellington) v. M. A. Tang (Malvern); K. W. Smith-Bingham; (Eton) v. A.: C. C. Ashford Schiller); M. P. Mockridge (Mariborough) v. P. C. Nichdils (Malvern).

players.

championship last season.

The brothers, Mark and Paul

Nos 1 and 2

in Foster Cup

Provision has been made for this. The days when the annual gen-

responding metch two seasons ago by 10—7.
Middlesborough, who lost their unbeaten home record this season to Headingley last weekend, will be without their England stand-iff half. Old, for the visit to Wakefield tomorrow. Old is to the area trial at Leeds. Tindale will switch from full back to take his place, and Grahem Brown, home from Edinburgh University, will play at full back. Robinson, the club captain, who bad to withdraw from the team last week because of a knee injury, is still not fit

Two stallions seeking & pastures new

Ey Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent

There is news of two stallions Venture, who has stood on our national stud since the end of his racing days is now destined for Australia. Lorenzaccio, another young stallico is also leaving his present hase, the Aston Upthorpe Stud in Berksline, but he is not Stud in Berksline, but he is not travelling far, only a few miles, in fact, to join Saritamer on the Wyld Court Stud which is also in Berkshire. A few weeks ago it was said that Hopeful Venture was about to be exported to Japan, but the deal fell through. Instead, Hopeful Venture has been bought by Keith Freeman and Partners, ecting on behalf of a group of breeders who have agreed to lease him to Claude and John Halph for him to Claude and John Haigh for the next five years.

Hopeful Ventore is to be flown to Australia in January and he will to Australia in January and he will stand on their Balcrest Stud, near Adelaide where Coronation Boy, who was also exported from this country by Freeman, stood. Coronadon Boy was the leading sire of brood mares in Australia last year. Hopeful Venture will be remembered as the lest colt bred by the National Stod in its former cepacity to race in the colours of the Queen before the stud sold its mares. Trained by Noel Murless, Hopeful Venture won seven races and Venture won seven races and 583,000 including the Grand Prix de St Cloud and the Hardwicke Stakes, at Royal Ascot. He was by the Queen's stallion. Oriel who died recently. With the departure of Hopeful Ventore, the Narional Stud now only houses three fully effective stallions, Mill Reef, Blakency end its new arrival Habat.

Never Say Die is now long in the tooth and covering only a few mares, and there is a grave double about. Tudor Melody's future. Perhaps of more interest on the domestic front is the fact that Lorenzaccio, famous for bearing

Nijinsky in the Champion Stak in his heyday is about to mo-from the Aston Upthorpe Stud-the Wyld Court Stud. I wro recently that the syndicate businessmen who now own ti Wyld Court Stud were envious find a second stallion to star alongside their new acquisition, ti aond three-year old Saritamer. Lorenzaccio they seem to ha found the ideal answer. Their ne stud manager, the former Netion Hunt jockey, D. V. Dick, kno-Lorenzaccio well hecause he w responsible for him at Ast

Upthorpe.

When that stod's owner, S
William Piggort Brown, decided
change his stud's poucy and reve
tu running it on a private rath than a public basis, the way we clear for Lorenzaccio to move. To Wyld Court Stud have made thin easy by huying a sizable stake the horse who had his first cr-of runners this year. By the tin that all the improvements, now the pipeline at Wyld Court, ha heen completed, the syndical whose wealth is derived from and shipping will bave spent fill excluding bloodstock. But the many predictably deproved excluding bloodstock. But the maket was predictably depressed London yesterday when Taitersa held yet another sale of shares nominations to stallions. Demai for the best was fairly strong by the bottom has completely fall out of the middle and low echelons. It seems that it has been a cash crisis. Bargal were to be found but there were no money. There were no marifor guessing that the nomination Reform, the sire of such dimunished winners es Polygaa and Admetus this year, was command the highest neice. The and Admetus this year, wan command the highest neite. The was £5.600 paid by the videous Pastud. The idea is to send the guod mare Loose Coter to Refur next year. Nominations to Concught, High Top and Wel Pageant also made good muce but they were in the minority.

Prospects good for racing on Saturday

There will be no racing today. Devon ano Exerce, the only meet-ing scheduled, was abandoned yesterday afternoon because of the waterlogged course. The clerk of the course, Mr William Sykes. said: "The course is waterlogged and the stewards had no alternative but to call off racing." Devon and Exeter was the twentieth meeting to be "lost" this National Hunt coases because of the weether. season because of the weather.

The stewards abandoned yesterday's meeting at Uttoxeter after an early inspection. The clerk of the course, John Ford, said: "We had heavy rain throughout the night and we had to abandon owing to the waterlogged state of the

The prospects for tomorrow's three meetings at Ascot, Catterick Bridge and Nottingham are fairly encouraging. Although there has been rain at Catterick Bridge, the clerk of the course, Mr Kit Patter-son, said: "Provided we don't get a disaster in the way of a snow storm or something like that, we will be OK." The going is forecast

as good.

At Nottingham, no inspection is planned. The going on the steeple-chase course is soft, and on the hurdle course, heavy.

At Ascot, the going on hoth hurdles and steeplechase courses is forecast good to soft. No problems are foreseen unless the weather worsens. Bookmakers, the Tote, permit

trainers and employees in racing will have more say in the mana will have more say in the mana will have more say in the management and future of the industry. They will all be included in en enlarged Joint Association Liaisoo Committee, which acts as a ganeral sounding hoard on prohlems within the industry. This was decided by a meeting at the Jockey Club headquariers. London, yesterday. The decision came after a discussion between the Racing Policy Committee and various representatives from the industry including trainers, breeders, bookmakers, jockeys and the Tote. At present, the Liaison Committee consists of the Stewards of the Jockey Club, their representatives on the Levy Board, representatives on the Levy Board, representatives of the Racecourse Association, the Raceborse Owners' Association, the Raceborse Owners' Association, the Raceborse Owners' Association, the Raceborse Owners' Association and Racecourse Security Servicea.

It was decided to enlarge the Liaison Committee by inviting representatives of the Netional Association of Bookmakers, the offer, the Permit Trainers' Association the Point-to-Point Committee, the British Racing Industry Council, when established, and employees in the industry.

The committee will provide a proper of the committee will provide a proper trainers and employees in racing will have more say in the mana

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The committee will provide a committee will provide a committee will provide a committee will provide a committee will sections of the industry. Two of the tuarterly meetings will be devoted to the state of the industry and future policy and finance. The other two will consider the dey to day running of the sport. of the sport. STATE OF GOING (official: Callerick Bridge (lumerrow): Good. Notingham (lamorrow): Steeplechase course: Soft. Hurdles course: Heavy. Ascot (temegrow): Good to soft.

They seek him = here, they seek him there By Jim Snow

There is in the profession ranks of juckeys no more vers rile or successful a freelance the 22 year old Martin Blackshaw. three days' nime he is uft Cagnes-sur-Mer in the south France to ride a Polish-bred si year-old, Oskard, on whom he li won two burdle races in Norwa and two smeplechases and use II race in Sweden. On December : he will also have a mount France for Statt Hall, a Middl ham trainer, who hopes to win race or two even though he man not have eight victuries as d John Dunlop at Cagnes-sur-Mer year ago.

Martin Blackshaw's fathi Harry, now training in Middl bam, was a bold and extreme strong flat race jockey, polish in his style and streaming despite his weight. He was also hard man to beat in a close finis Martin bas inherited my futher talents. This seasun over fenctand hurdles to England be heidden 19 winners and her ridden 19 winners, and has extraordinarily high percentage success. Until the jumping seasits over he proposes to ride who wanted at Cagnes-sur-Mer, fly t to Norway, Sweden and Belgium and return to Englend to partn' horses trained by Frank Carr at Water Whartun, for whom i rides regularly in Britain.

Martin Blackshaw's milage air in 12 mouths is prubebly than that of Lester Piesott as there is certainly oo jockey England who mixes to great effect racing under both rules. ? one works harder nor takes mo risks. In this respect, also, I risks. In this respect. also, I takes after his father. He has that times been champion jockey or jumps in Norway end twice in Bi gium. One Swedish utyner—3 Aurtinson—will have no one eller to ride his horses. In Scandinarit countries and in Belgium his reputation rides high for integrity at skill.

Martin's first winner in Englet

skill.

Martin's first winner in Englet seven years ago was Nut Cas owned by the late Clive Grahm and since then be has bad near 300 successes, a figure which won have been much larger if his riving weight had been under 9 s....

He is a sort of racing ambassado. He is a sort of racing ambassado ready to go anywhere, any timinand to accept any mount. His goo judgment is such that leadin owners in Scandinavia and Be gium, including Mr Martinson, millonaire, try to book him wherever ha is free, indeed Mr Martinson will not run his borses! Sweden or in the south of Francif he cannot get Blackshaw tride.

Ushering in New Year
The Johnnie Walker Hurdin initiated last January, will again be the main event on the openin Oay of Ayr's New Year meeding With £5,000 added, it is the more valuable burdle race staged! Scotland and has ettracted a entry of 42.

Science report

Contraception: A pill for men Two Australian scientists have re-

To Australian scientists have reversibly sterilized healthy men using a tried and tested combination of two synthetic hormones. Apart from slight nausea at the start of the trial, none of the volunteers reported any serious side effects.

The research team, Dr Michael and Dr Maxine Briggs from Alfred Hospital, Melbourne, knew that if Hospital, Melbourne, knew that if men were given anti-gonadotrophic sternid hormones it would suppress their production of sperm; hut they also knew that it could lead to serious side-effects, such as the loss of sexual desire, impotency, or even the acquisition of feminine characteristics. Earlier attempts to avoid those have involved the simultaneous administration of male hormones, but such exotic combinations of hormones will need extensive testing upon animals before they can be studied in a large-scale clinical trial. scale clinical trial.

With that in mind, they re-

With that in mind, they reexamined existing oral hormone
products to see if any combination already approved for sale
could he adapated as a contracepfive. They found that the combination of a female hormone (an
oestrogen) with a male hormone
(an androgen) was being used to
treat men with bone disorders and
as a replacement therapy in the
treatment of "male menopause."

When the researchers examined
two men with a bone condition
known as osteoporosis who had

been treated with a similar hor-mode combination for several months, they found that both were sterile. But, although the men had felt slightly ill at the start of the treatment, their livers were fune-tioning normally (a sign of low

treatment, their livers were functioning normally (a sign of low toxicity) and neither reported any harmful side effects.

They thus felt justified in testing the combination on five healthy male volunteers. They reasoned that 20 micrograms of the costrogen (ethynyloestradiol) would suppress sperm production while 10 milligrams of the androgen (methyliestosterone) would he enough to maintain the levels of male hormone in the blood at normal levels. So the volunteers were requested to take a pill containing those amounts twice a day for 24 weeks. Because it is always difficult to assess complaints of lost sexual deare, the men were secretly given a harmmen were secretly given a harm-

men were secretly given a harmless sugar, lactose, for three
weeks before they were given the
hormone treatment.

After taking the hormones for
nine weeks, four of the five men
stopped producing sperm; the
fifth needed 15 weeks of treatment. Blood samples taken
throughout the trial showed that
the combination was not interfering with liver function. And
although some of the volunteers
thought that they detected slight
variations in their sexual desire,
there were as many such reports there were as many such reports during the period when they were

taking the lactose placebo; and none of them reported any seriou side-effects.

side-effects.

It was a long time, however before the sterilizing effects of the hormones wore off. Not undithe treatment had been atopped for 15 weeks did sperm production begin again and it was nine of 10 months before it was back to normal. In the meantime, from 15 weeks after the hormones were first given until 26 weeks later the technique faced a practical test when the wives of the volunt teers stopped taking their own contraceptive pills. None of them became pregnant.

The experimental group of only

The experimental group of only five subjects was small, and the results will have to be verified using a greater number of men But both the hormones of the But both the hormones of thi combination have been in use for about 15 years; ethynyloestradio as a component of a contraceptive pilt used by millions of women, and methyltestosterone, among other things, as a notorious hormone aid for female athletes. So there seems no reason why the combination should not be passed for a large-scale clinical trial fairly soon.

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Calendar of sport for 1975 Lauren net la little doubt, though a spokesman for the Lawn at internationalship. Our trop hear

h sporting doomwatchers are in all parts of the field just now, ander of fixtures on this page, the its kind in The Times, shows enough that we shall not exactly ved of events in 1975. They are concerned with sport in this but the more important events have been included.

sponsors are, as they say, reing their commitments, an imporst World Cup for cricket, more y called the Prudential Cup in ce to its underwriters. Although cricketers may affect an air of tt their male counterparts will this as the biggest international n cricket has known. There will he teums, from Australia, England, East Africa, India, New Zealand, n and West Indies. South Africa, se remain outside the International Conference umbrella. The matches played on June 7, 11, 14, 18 and 21,

final at Lord's. her significant intovation for is the holding of the world rowing onships at Nottingham from 21 to 30, with this time two is of men's events, for lightweights eavyweights. For all the unique of Henley in the world of rowing, e not been able to hold the world onships in this country because,

standard requirements, ie, a course of still water 2,000 metres long and accommodat-ing six crews line abreast.

The new course at Holme Pierrepont has changed alt that and the problem nowadays for British rowing is how to correlate the existence of a world championship course with the historical and social importance of Henley, particularly now that a crowded international calendar leaves little room for manoeuvre. For 1975, bowever, all is settled, with Henley taking its traditional place in July, preceded by another international regatta at Nottingham on June 28 and 29

Another British "first" will be the newly recognized world show jumping championships in the noble surroundings of Cardiff Castle in June. A competition there this year, sponsored by Benson and Hedges, proved to be a successful pilot model, though whether tha same sponsors, or any others, will come to the support of Cardiff Corporation is not yet known. Followers of Rugby Union are also in clover. With the memory of an outstanding New Zealand team still warm, they can contemplate a home championship spanning January-March, a centenary match in Duhlin in April involving all four unions in the British Isles, two close season tours to while away the sunhathing hours and, before the year's end, the Australians back on these shores, playing the first Another British "first" will be the

of their international matches at Murray-field and Cardiff. Modern travel leads to modern methods and in the course of three weeks in Australia England are to play Australia twice, on May 24 and June i, and no sooner will they be winging their way home than the Scots will acrive in New Zealand to play so international match in Anckland on June 14.

Golf, more than most, is feeling tha economic pinch and, at the moment at least, there is no PGA championship or match-play championship to being. The PGA has had a checkered existence and, io spite of a number of sponsors, the last Viyella, it has never been able to attain the stature of, say, the United States equivalent Across the Atlantic the PGA is fourth only to the United States Open, the British Open, and the United States. Masters in prestige, but here it counts almost for nothing, beyond the prize money, although it has often enough produced the prize money. duced a worthy winner. I doubt if it will ever take its due place in the scheme of things unless it can stand on its own tee peg without a sponsor's name to fudge, and therefore devalue, its title.

The match-play is a television casualty, since sponsorship demands television ex-posure and they get little mileage out of, say, A. Jacklin beating A. Scrubber on the 13th green, with all the television parapbernalia installed for a breathtaking finale oo the 18th. The latest sponsors,

sport is to tobacco), regarded their stroke-play tournament this year as a vastly more successful operation than the match-play of distant Downfield. It cannot have been entirely due to the appearance of Sam Suead at Fulford.

The teonis caleodar we present here is oot, alas, as comprehensive as we would have liked, but the changing face of the game has croded the fixture list in these parts. Wimbledon, of course, survives (and will continue to do so in spite of the foolish threat of a boycott by Billie-Jean Kiog and her henchwomen if they do not receive prize money equal to the men's) and Paris and Rome might hope to retain their prestige, but for the rest most of the action is in the United States, where young pretenders seek to emulate James Cooners and Christine Evert and estab-lished players pound a treadmill in pursuit of the almighty dollar almost to the point of exhaustion. Comors and Laver are 10 march strong left arms for \$100,000 (oearly £45,000), winner take all, at Las Vegas in February, and efforts are afoot to mouot a million dollar tourns. meot at Houston in the summer. But are they sporting occasions or do they belong, rather, to the world of show business?

Meanwhile, in impoverished Britain, Rothman's have withdrawn from the British hard court championsbips, so the

Boornemouth tournament must remain in

championships will be held, because they must be held. He seemed to think, with the late Senator McCarthy, that their cancellation would be the most unheard-

of thing he bad ever beard of. For athletes the year will be compara-lively quiet, a time for gathering one's strength and perfecting ooe's technique before the supreme Olympic effort the following year in Montreal. The high-light of the season here will surely he the march against the Soviat Union at Crystal Palace, followed, a few days later, by the meeting organized by the Inter-national Athletes' Club at the same sradium.

Horse racing and motor racing follow radicional pattarns but those who race in yachts have a special tithir with the Admiral's Cup series off Cowes in August, culminating in the Fastnet Race, which aunches the ocean racers into the Atlantic oo August 9.

The new squash centre at Wembley will be busy with competition of the highest level. Three championships are to be held there, the Open, the women's and the amateur, hesides a men's match against Pakistan and a women's match against Australia, both unfortunately restricted to amateurs and therefore lacking, among others, the incomparable Heather McKay.

Footballers are unable 10 match this year's World Cup and will be sustained, at international level, by the long-running European championship. Our two heavy-weights, England and Scotlaod, have already suffered disappointments and will have their work cut nut at the back end of the year if they are to survive.
Rugby League, struggling still for public

recognition, in spite of generous television coverage (or perhaps because of it and its irreverent commentator), is trying a new format for its principal competition. The World Cup has been scrapped and in is place there will be a World Championship, run on different lines and involving five countries—Australia. New Zealand, France, England and Wales. The first leg will be in the antipodes in June, and the second in Europe in October. In order to establish themselves as order to establish themselves as separate entities for the first time (rather than collectively as Britaio) England and Wales are to shara a triangular tournament with France at the beginning

of the year. And for those with a laste for the unusual I recommend the world ten-pin bowling championships at Tolworth, on the Kiogstoo-by-pass, October 3-11. But please don't all rush. They can accommodate only 350 spectators—and Teddy Tioliog will be among them.

John Hennessy

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2: British indoor chamoionships, 4-25 : British field championships, ionada !5-28 : World championships, Inter-6-27: British target championships,

letics

Feb 1: British indoor champion-89: Europeau Indoor champion-Katowice.
16: International cross-country ionship, Rabat. 1-22: East Germany v Britain (also ania women), Dresden. -5: Soviet Union v United States, 1-13: European Cup semi-final, men, 19: Women's AAA championships,

l Palace. l-2: AAA championships, Crystal Netherlands v Britain v Hungary 5-17: European Cup finals, Nice. 4-2S: Britain v Soviet Union, Crystal

9: loternational Athletes Club meetrystai Palace. 13-14: Britain v Sweden, Edinhurgh.

dminton

h 1922: All-England championships, h 24: Eogland v Japan, Preston. 31-Inne 6: Uber Cup finals, Jakarta.

sketball

h 28-30 : British championships, 10: European Champioos' Cup

7-15: European championship, ion A, io Yugoslavia.

liards, snooker

1 7-12: English amateur billiards pionship, Middleshrough.

1 1431: World professional snooker pionship, Australia.

1 22-26: English amateur snooker spionship, Hull.

obsleigh, toboggan 11-12: Heaton Gold Cup, Cresta Run,

foritz. 11-12: European toboggan champion-18-19: Curzon Cup, Cresta Run, St itz. 1-2: Brabazon Trophy, Cresta Run, St itz. 6-7: British hobsleigh championship, Moritz (prov). 14-22: World hobsleigh championis, Cervinia. 15: Grand National, Cresta Run, St ritz.
15-16: World toboggan championships,

owis

g 11-23 : EBA championships, Worthing. g 11-16 : Eoglish women's championps, Leannington Spa-

oxing

1 22 : Scotland v England, Edinburgh. y 2 : ABA finals, Wembley, ne 1-8 : European champiouships,

anoeing

eb 15-16: British open whitewater chamonships, Bala. me 25-29: World slalom and whitewater sampiouships, Skopje.

ly 31-Aug 3: World sprint championups, Belgrade. ug 23-24: Britisb open long distance nampioosbips, Worcester. et 11-12: British open slalom championups, Llangollen.

Cricket

an 49: Australia v England, Sydney. an 25-30: Australia v England, Adelaide.
'eb 8-13: Australia v England, Melbourne.
'eh 20-25: New Zealand v England

cb 28 March 5: New Zealand v England, hristeburch. lune 7 : World Cup : Australia v Pakistan, Jeadiogley; England v India, Lords; New Lealand v East Africa, Edghaston; West Indies v Ceylon, Old Trafford. June 11: World Cup: Australia v Ceylon, Oval; England v New Zealand, Trent Bridge: India v East Africa, Headingley; Pakistan v West Indies, Edgbaston. June 14: World Cup: Australia v West Indies, Oval: England v East Africa, Edghaston: Iodia v New Zealand, Old Trafford; Pakistan v Ceylon, Trent Bridge, June 18: World Cup semi-final round, Headingley and Oval.

June 21: World Cup final; Lord's. June 22-23: England XI v Rest, women, Birmingham. July 10-1 Edgbaston 10-15: England v Australia,

July 19: Benson and Hedges Cup final, Lord's. July 19-21: England XI v Rest, women, Hastings. July 31-Aug 5: England v Australia, Aug 14-19: England v Australia, Headingley. Aug 28-Sept 2 : England v Australia, Oval. Sept 6 : Gillette Cup final, Lord's.

Croquet

May 12-17: Peel Memorials, Cheltenham. July 14-19: Open championships, Hurling-ham. Sept 2-6: President's Cup, Hurlingham. Sept 27-28: All-England Handicaps, Ros-

Cycling

May 25-June 7: Tour of Britain (Milk Race). June 8-13: Manx race week, Isle of Man. June 22: British professional road race championship, Harrogate. June 27-July 20: Tour de France. July 13: British amateur road race championship, Bromsgrove. uly 23-27: Scottish Milk Race

July 26-Aug 2: British track champion-ships, Leicester. Aug 22-31: World championships,

Equestrian

April 23-26: Bachninton horse trials.
May 22-25: Royal Windsor show.
June 13-15: World professional show
jumping championship, Cardiff Castle,
July 21-26: Royal International show.
Wembley.
Aug 14-17: British jumping Derby, Hick-Aug 15-17: European show jumping championship, Munich.
Sept 3-7: European chree-day event championship, Lumuhlen, W Germany.
Sept 4-7: British show jumping championships, Hickstead. Oct 6-11: Horse of the Year Show, Wenn Dec 17-20: Dunbill tournament, Earls

Fencing

March 1-2: Martini épée competition, de Beaumont Centre and Seymour Hall. March 22-23: British épée championship, da Beaumont. da Beaumont.
April 19-20: British sabre and women's
foil championships, de Beaumont.
May 17-18: Men's foil championship, de

June 1415: Sabre team championship, de Beaumont. June 21-22: Epée team championship, de Beaumont. July 10-20: World championships, Buda-

Football

Feb 5: Cyprus v England; Spain v Scotland. March 1: Football League Cup final, Wembley March 12: England v West Germany, April 16: England v Cyprus, Wembley; Hungary v Wales; N Ireland v Yugoslavia. Wembley. May 1: Luxombourg v Wales. May 3: FA Cup Final, Wembley; Scottish Cup Final, Hampden Park. May 7: Uefa Cup Final, first leg. May 14: European Cup Winners' Cup

Final, Basle May 17: Wales v Scotland; N Ireland May 21: England v Wales, Wembley; Scotland v N Ireland, Hampden Park. May 24: England v Scotland, Wembley;

N Ireland v Wales. May 21: Uefa Cup Final, second leg. May 28: European Cup Final, Paris. June 1: Romania v Scotland. Sept 3: N Ireland v Sweden; Denmark v

Scotland.
Oct 29: N Ireland v Norway; Scotland v
Denmark: Czechoslovakia v England.
Nov 19: Wales v Austria; Yugoslavia v N
Ireland; Portugal v England. Dec 17 : Scotland v Romania.

Gliding

May 24-June 1: British championships, Husbands Bosworth. Aug 16-25: European championships, Dunstable.



The Holme Pierrepont course at Nottingham, the setting for the first world rowing championships to he held in this country.

Golf

April 10-13: United States Masters, Augusta.
May 16-18: Brabazon Trophy, Notts
GC, Hollinwell. May 28-29: Walker Cup, St. Andrews. June 27: British amateur championship, Royal Liverpool. June 10-14: British women's championship, St Andrews. June 19-22: United States Open championship, Chicago.

June 26-28: Women's Commonwealth tournement, Genton.

June 26-29: European amateur team championship, Killarney. July 36: European women's team championship, St Cloud. July 9-12: British Open championship, Carnoustie. Aug 6-9 : Colegate European women's open

tournament, Sunningdale.

Aug 27-29: British women's stroke-play championship, Northumberland GC.

Sept 4-5: Vagliano Trophy, women, Muirfield.

Sept 19-21: Ryder Cup, Laurel Valley, Sept 23-27: Double Diamond tournament, Turnberry. Oct 14: Dunlop Masters, Ganton. Oct 9-11: Piccadilly match-play tourns.

ment, Wentworth. Dec 3-7: World Cup, Bangkok.

Greyhound racing

April 12: Grand National, White City. June 28: Derby, White City. Sept 1: St Leger, Wembley.

Gymnastics

Jan 18: Champion Cup tournament, Royal Albert Hall. April 12: Champions All international, Wembley. May 3-4: European women's champion-ships. Skien. May 31 June 1: European men's championships, Berne.

Hockey

Jan 26: Scotland v England, Edioburgh. March 1: England v Ireland women, Edg-baston; Wales v Scotland women, Swan-March 1-15: World Cup, Kuala Lumpur. March 2: County championship fical. March 8: England v Wales women,

Wembley. March 15: Ireland v Scotland, womeo. March 22: Scotland v Ireland, Glasgow; Scotland v England women, Grange-

mouth; Wales v Ireland womeo, Milford Haven. March 22-23: International festival (Eog. land, Wales, Poland, France), Lord's.
April 5: Women's county championship

April 5-6: Home countries tourpament April 19: England v Wales, Bristol; Netherlands v England women. April 27 : National club final.

May 17-19: European club champion-ship, Frankfurt. Aug 28-Sept 11: World championship, women, Edinburgh.

Ice hockey

April 3-10: World championship, pool A first round, Munich.
April 12-19: World championship, pool A second round, Düsseldorf. March 1-10; World championship, pool C, Sofia. March 14-23: World championship, pool B, Sapporo.

Judo

April 19: British men's open champion ship, Crystal Palace.
May 7-11: European championships, Paris.
Oct 20-25: World championships, Vienna.
Nov 8: British women's open championships. ship, Crystal Palace.

Lacrosse

March 15: England v Scotland, women, Hurlingham Park. Oct 4: Wales v United Sates, women. Oct 8: England v United States, women, Liverpool.
Oct 18: Scotland v United States, women Murrayfield. Oct 25: Britain v United States, womeo, Hurlingham Park.

Modern pentathlon

Aug 14-17: British championships (venue undecided). Oct 26-30: World championships, Mexico.

Motor cycling
May 4: British 125cc moto-cross grand
prix, Saundersfoot. May 31-June 6: Isle of Man TT races:
June 22: British 250cc moto-cross grand July 6: British 500cc moto-cross grand prix, Hawkestooe Park. Ang 9-10: British Formula 750cc grand Sept 2-4: Manx grand prix, Isle of Man. Sept 6: World speedway championship, Wemhley.

Motor racing

Jan 12: Argentine GP, Buenos Aires. Jan 17-26: Monte Carlo rally. Jan 26: Brazilian GP, Interlagos. March 2: South African GP, Kyalami.
April 27: Spanish GP, Barcelona.
May 11: Monaco GP.
May 25: Belgian GP, Nivelles or Zolder.
June 25: Swedish GP, Anderstorp.
June 14: St. Le Mans 24-hour race.
June 22: Butch GP, Canada June 14-15: Le Mans 24-hour race.
June 22: Dutch GP, Zandvoort.
July 5: Franch GP, Dijon or Paul Ricard.
July 19: British GP, Silverstone.
Aug 3: German GP, Nürburgring.
Aug 17: Austrian GP, Zeltweg.
Sept 7: Italian GP, Monza.
Sept 7: Italian GP, Mosport Park.
Oct 5: United States GP, Warkins Glen.
Nov 21-26: RAC rally.

Polo

June 8: Queen's Cup final, Windsor Joly 20: Cowdray Park Gold Cup final. July 27: Wills International, Windsor.

Racing

Feb 8: Schweppes Gold Trophy, Newbury. March 12: Champion Hurdle, Chekenham. March 13: Cheltenham Gold Cup. April 5: Grand National, Liverpool. May 1: 1,000 Guineas, Newmarket. May 3: 2,000 Guineas, Newmarket. June 4: Derby, Epsom. June 6: Oaks, Epsom. June 8 : French Derby, Chantilly. June 3: French Derby, Chantally.

June 17-20: Royal Ascot.

June 28: Irish Derby, the Curragh.

July 5: Eclipse Stakes, Sandown Park.

July 26: King George VI and Queen

Elizabeth Stakes, Ascot. July 29-Aug 2 : Goodwood. Aug 19: Benson and Hedges Gold Cup,

Nov 22: Hennessy Gold Cop, Newbury. Dec 6: Massey-Fergusoo Gold Cup, Dec 26: King George VI Steeplechase, Kempton Park.

Oct S: Arc de Triomphe, Lougchamp.
Oct 18: Champion Stakes, Newmarket.
Oct 25: Observer Gold Cup, Doncaster.
Nov 8: Mackeson Gold Cup, Cheltenham.

Sept 13: St Leger, Doncaster. Sept 19: Ayr Gold Cup.

Rackets, real tennis Feh 1422: Amateur rackets singles championship, Queen's Club.

April 14-19: Amateur rackets doubles championship, Queen's Club.

April 22-May 4: Amateur real tennis singles championship, Queen's Club.

May 5-11: Real tennis open doubles championship, Queen's Club.

Rowing

March 22: Head of the River, Morplake to Pumey.
March 29: University Boar Race (3.0).
May 28-31: Oxford University Summer Eights (prov).

June 47: Cambridge University May Races (prov).
June 28-29: Nortinghamshiro Internatioal,
Nortingham.
July 3-6: Henley Royal Regatta.
July 18-20: British championships, Norting-

July 23: Doggett's Coat and Badge, London Bridge to Chelsea (11.15). Ang 21-24: Men's lightweight and women's

Aug 26-30: Meo's world championships,

world championships, Nottingham.

Rugby League Jan 19: France v England, Perpignan or March 2: Wales v France, Pootypool (prov). March 29: England v Wales, Salford.
May 10: Callange Cup Final, Wembley.
May 17: Club championship final.
June 7-21: World championship, Sydney and Auckland (prov).
Oct 11-25: World championship, Britain and France (prov).

Rugby Union

Jan 18: Ireland v England, Duhlin; France v Wales Paris. France v Wales, Faris.
Feh 1: England v France, Twickenham;
Scotland v Ireland, Murrayfield.
Feh 15: Wales v England, Cardiff;
France v Scotland, Paris.
March 1: Scotland v Wales, Murrayfield;
Ireland v France, Dublin.
March S. UAU final Twickenham March 15: England v Scorland, Twickenham.

March 15: England v Scorland, Twickenham; Wales v Ireland, Cardiff.

March 22: County championship final.

April 19: Ireland/Scotland v England/
Wales, Dublin. Wales, Dublin.

April 26: RFU club competition final,
Twickenham.

May 3: Middlesex Sevens, Twickenham.

May 24: Australia v England, Sydney.

June 1: Australia v England, Brisbane.

June 14: New Zealand v Scotland,

Auckland Auckland.

Dec 6: Scotland v Australia, Murrayfield. Dec 9: Oxford v Cambridge, Twickenham. Dec 20: Wales v Anstralia, Cardiff.

Skating

Jan 25-26: Men's European ice speed skating championships, Heereveen. Jan 28-Feh 1 : European ice figure championships, Copenhagen. Feb 8-9 : Men's world ice speed championships, Oslo. Feb 15-16: Men's and woman's world ice sprint championsbips, Gothenburg. Feb 22-23: Women's world ice speed championships, Assen. March 48: World ice figure championshipse, Colorado Springs.

July 26-27: British roller championships, Sept 15-17: World roller championships, Brishane. Nov 15: British ice dance championships, Nortingham (prov).

Dec 2-3: British ice figure championships.

Richmond (prov).

Skiing

Jan 5-8: British championships, Val Jan 9-10: SDS combined, women, Grindelwald. Jan 11-12: Lauberhorn Cup, men. Wengen. Jan 15-16: World Cup combined, women, Schruns. Jan 18-19: Hahnenkamm Trophy, men, Kitzbühel. Jan 20-28: British hiathlon and crosscountry championships, Oberjocb.

Jan 25: Olympie course downhill, women. Axamer-Lizum-Jan 26: Olympic course downhill, men, Igls.
Jan 30-Feb 2: Ariberg-Kandahar, Chamonix, Megève, St Gerveis.
Feb 9-16: World biamlon championships,

Shooting May 15-17: British sporting clay pigeon championship, Northolt. May 24-25: Crand prix, sporting clay pigeon, Ganton.
June 18: British soluli bore champion sbip, Bisley.
July 14-26: NRA meeting. Bisley.
July 26: Queen's Prize, Bisley.
Aug 2-3: Grand prix, skeet, Evershot.
Aug 8-9: British skeet championship,

Aug 9-10: Grand prix, Olympic trap, Sea.

Squash rackets

Jan 7: Britain v Pakistan, Wembley. Jan 30-Feh 7: British Open championship, T Wembley. Feh 12: Britain v Australia women; amateur, Bournemouth. Feh 19: Britain v Australia womeo, amateur, Coventry. Feb 26: Britain v Australia women, amateur, Wembley. reb 28-March 6: British women's open championship, Wembley.
March 21-24: British Amateur close championship, Wembley.
March 21-24: British professional close championship, Guernsey.
April 16-13: Europeau Amateur championships, Dublin.

Swimming March 13-15: ASA sbort course championships, Manchester. Mar 29-31: Coca-Cola meeting, Crystal April 12-13: Six Nations tournament, Stockholm. April 1825: World championships, Cali. July 1825: World championships, Cali. Aug 15-16: European Cup, women, Leeds. Aug 16-17: European Cup, men, Moscow. Aug 23-23: Springboard championships, Huddersfield. Aug 28-30: ASA championships, Coventry. Aug 29-30: Highboard championships.

Crystal Palace.

Table tennis Jan 9-11: English Open championsbips, Brighton. Jan 25-31: Commonwealth championships. "." Melhourne. Feb 6-16: World championships, Calcutta, April 3-5: English close championships, Crystal Palace.

Tennis

Jan 1: Australian Open finals, Melbourne . (championships start Dec 26). Feb 2: Connors v Laver \$100,000 challeuge, Las Vegas. March 3-9: WCT tournament, Royal Albert Hall. May 2-4: Austria v Britaio (Davis Cup) Austria.

May 5-11: WCT finals, Dallas.

May 12-18: British hard court champion... ships, Bournemouth.

May 26-June 1: Italian championships,

Rome.

June 2-15: Freoch championships, Paris. June 16-21: John Player tournament, Nottingham.
June 23-July 6: Wimbledon champion. ships.
Ang 27-Sept 7: United States champion.

Water skiing

Albert Hall (prov).

July 19-20: British championships (venue undecided). Aug 14-16: European championships, Trier Sept 18: World championships, Thorpe, Surrey.

ships, Forest Hills.
Nov 9-15: Dawar touroament, Royal

Weightlifting

Feb 22: British championships, Bletchley, Sept 15:24: World and European cham-pionships, Moscow.

Wrestling

April 27-29: European Greco-Roman cham-pionships, Ludwigshafen. May 1-3: Eoropean free-style champion ships, Ludwigshafen. ships, Ludwigsnaren. Oct 9-19 : World championships, Minsk

Yachting

May 29-June 7: Weymouth week June 27-July 4: European Fireball cham pionship, Hayling Island. Aug 1: Admiral's Cup, Gosport. Aug 2:10: Cowes Week. Aug 4: Admiral's Cup, Cowes
Aug 6: Admiral's Cup, Cowes
Aug 9: Fastner Race, Cowes
Ang 12-22: European 470 class champion Aug 4 : Admiral's Cup, Cowes

sbip, Stokes bay. Aug 23-30: Port of London chipper. regatta.
Aug 30: Round the World Clipper race.

Why East Asia is determined to keep the West a world away

first article in this defined Hast Chine, Japan, Kurva and Vietnum, as a separate civilization from the rest of Asia and one that consciously defended itself from the onslaught of western empire. Teday it still sees its situation as one of confrontet on and comparison with the West. The article ended by utiling which way all four umission is perhaps the first countries might go in the stumbling block to the prestern

But before considering each country separately more needs to be said about the character of this distinctive civilization; without some kers the dours with not open. One might begin pointing to the most easily visible distinctions. The record of where in Asia western power has fought shows East Asia to be distinctive enough Avia to 50 distinctive enough in its toughness and its resistance to the West. Japan from 1941 to 1943, Roseans and Chinese from 1950 to 1953, Victoamese from 1946 to 1954 and again from 1964 to 1973; even the Malayan "emergency" means fighting mostly Chinese.

Disciplined work is also visible enough in the arc of economic growth that can be traced from Korea Inorth and south: Jaman, Taiwan, Hong-long down to Singapore, erasping only China itself (where Cherrytan Mao has dif-ferent priorities) and Vietnam (crippled by war). All this are is one of East Asian achieve-ment and is manifestly better man will be found in any other parts of "developing" Asia, II Spala Lumpur or Bangkok are other minur stars, it is the Chinese ingredient that gives the sparkle.

the sparitle.

Many will also have noticed the toughness allied to political commitment in the record of student activity. In all of these countries, if one looks back over half a century uralize, the student political demonstrator has been a formidable political phenomenom, much more formidable and notifically conscious than those politically conscious than those elsewhere in Asia, certainly since the rest of Asia hecame independent. There is a tenacity and courage in the political convictions of Chinese, Japan-ees. Koreans and Vietnamese of an altogether different qua-

Such a dedication that is in the broadest sense political Asian concern. Man in society is the theme. The civilization is this worldly, not otherworldly, for China, and thus East Asia, has been mostly agnostic; at least no church has ever arisen to challenge the omnipotent state. That stumbling block to the trestern aind in understanding East Asia: we have been so used for to the differing values cxpressed by church and state.

The other western difficulty is to comprehend a civilization that has never discovered or cultivated individualism but has always, in contrast, stressed the collective. Only in the group does the East Asian ino fulfilment. It was instruc-tive in Hongkoog after the communist conquest of the mainland in the early fifties to note how many Chinese com-ing thence were readily hailed "refugees" by a cold war conscious western press but were mostly those who because of war and disaster had lost all contact with any group. It might be added, so impor-

tust in any culture being the words in which we give shape to the ideas we have evolved. that it is impossible to express the concept of individualism in Clainese except by pejorative-standing words. One may note this emphasis in China today. li any of us make any connexion with officialdom we will first he asked our name and address—they establish our identity. The Chinese will regully first be asked what unit (ic place of collective

The Confucian social and political prescription is thus authoritarian and hierarchical irom the family upwards to the emperor. The concept of opposition in a political sense—or indeed any form of opposition to authority—was unacceptable because disruptive of society. Even after a century of nominal democracy Japan's opposition parties have not all acquired real roots not all acquired real roots while those of South Korea and South Vietnam are allowed and South Vietnam are allowed qualities that mark out East alien to it. totality of East Asian civilizby authoritatian rulers to exist Asians. A capacity for self-disscarcely more than as sops to cipline goes with the collectiwestern susceptibilities. Such vism. There is a strong work a civilization is an unwilling a newly acquired nationalism.

• Independence to the East Asian mind means first the removal from the totality of East Asian civilization of all western intrusions and the complete fulfilment of an acquired nationalism 7

Delhi offers instructive comparison.

A "constitutional" opposi-

tion in the western democratic sense is still a strange pheno-menon to East Asian sensibilities. What the Confucianist political ethic did allow, however, was rebellion—given the eroded moral foundation of the existing order; and given also the sound moral fibre of the rebels (the winners of course always claimed this; the losers were not accorded it). Chairman Mao's acquisition of power through these traditional channels was entirely Confucian in its traditional context; the victory was seen primarily as a moral one and was so proclaimed. In sbort anyone who expects democracy to flower or individual freedom to be fought for in East Asian societies had better realize what contrary traditions baye first to he worn down. Only in the big cities has western in-fluence of this kind made

mucb beadway.
One could list many other

parties cannot escape a sense ethic—without benefit of Protof acting out of character. A estantism. The passion for day spent in the Diet in Tokyo education is general and is and the Lok Sabha in New transmitted from generation to education is general and is transmitted from generation to generation; a Chinese class-room would be a paradise to any harassed English teacher. In all East Asian countries intellectual life gains from one language: no English or French-speaking upper class is continually divorced from the

continually divorced from the

Society.
But what matters to us bowever is the confrontation he-tweeo this East Asian civilization and the West that began in the last century and that continues for the most part peacefully in this. And bere it is necessary to risk vulgarity by picking up that nld tag about inscrutable Orientals. The first impressions that gave rise to the adjective were not wrong. East Asia is certainly unwilling or unable to explain itself, its culture being clubbable for those who belong, while hidden generally from those who do not. For them the ioside (us) and the outside (them) are more powerful con-cepts marking greater distinctions than those every society makes of any other that is slien to it.

other civilizations. In the bare decade or so earlier in this century when salvation in the West seemed the answer to Chinese needs explorers went out process of regeneration it into the western wilderness and worked hard, but the encounter was very brief. Nor was it in any way murral. The understanding of China—or Japan—was not a priority that had entered the western mind in the first half of this century. Even the sinologists ended their histories of China with Missionies of China with the Miog dynasty and a bare chapter on the Ching.

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It follows that if you do not understand the civilization with which you are trying to communicate you will go the wrong way about it. A very garhied or incomprehensible message will be received; or one that seems indicrously irrelevant. This applies both ways. The willingness of some East Asians to present a front to the West, to translate themselves into western terms, selves into western terms, tends only to create another barrier to mutual understand-ing. The wholebearted western understander of East Asia may find that his wish to be at home in the country is not often welcomed, or requires of him total surrender: the capacity to absorb others culturally was one the Chinese developed very early in their history. The visitor will find that foreigners are special and are treated as such, often to their embarrass-

tries have an uncertain future, and if it is more than ever before a future that western power admits it can bave little or no power to influence (Korea and Vietnam included) what then are the guidelines and limits to speculation about that future?

What firstly are the objectires foremost in the East Asian mind? The first remains Asian mind. The first remains the total independence that was conceived when the western impact was first felt. And this means an independence altogether greater than the independence that other color-independence that the color-independence that was conceived when the west-ern impact was first felt. And this means are independence that was conceived when the west-ern impact was first felt. And this means are independence alto color-independence that was conceived when the color-independence alto co ial countries claimed. It means firstly the removal from the totality of East Asian civilization of all western intrusions and the complete fulfilment of

ness to explore and understand The objective is equality with other civilizations. In the bare the West, not forgetting that riority survive, even if not in the conscious mind. But in the means an emphasis on self-belp, on imports from the West limited only to those necessary for regeneration-industrial technology and the like—not knocking down the wall that surrounds the East Asian culture.

Of course there is a debate within these countries as to how much contact with the West modernization requires, but it is not an argument of essence, only an argument of how much. The nationalism of East Asia never questions that its modernization is carried ont on the assumption that its dis-tiner civilization is being res-tored; one that has had and will have a continuous history.

Next to the independence-from the West, naturally—is what one might call the spirit-ual quality of East Asian civilization. Perbaps the word is misleading, with its religious connotation to the western mind; but it is no less true to say that western misunder-standing of East Asian civilization arises most often from its inability to appreciate the moral core of an essentially agnostic society. So the process of regener-

ation demands a revised doc-rrine, in place of the amaigam that bas come to be koown as Confucian, a doctrine in which the role of the state and the articulation of society is laid down. This can mean revising the old ideas with new ones, or by impurring the ideas formuby impuring the ideas formu-lated by another civilization and adapting them to the con-ditions of East Asia so that they work in its aid: grafting them and planting them within the soil of the old society. Fut without old society. Fut without some such a doctrine as a core East Asian societies will tend to feel themselves adrift in a sea of global western influence. How can they keep direction except with the aid of their nwn dortrine? What role can they play unless there is a doctrine to justify and

> Richard Harris (To be continued)

Liverpool may envy Hamburg but will never copy her

The Council Chamber in Liver- were promptly reduced from pool's town hall is a monument to Victorian confidence and solidity, with a gilded ceiling, buge marble fireplace and tween departments, nor geographical chaos of city large semi-circular leather benches for the councillors. The Labour councillors, now in a minority, fill one side of tha room—large, middle-aged confident men at one with their traditional surroundings. The new Liberal councillors, by contrast, look wholly out of

place—young keen faces, polonecked jerseys, beards, pretty young women. The election of this new and largely uoknown group of people was the result of an unprecedented doorstep campaign with the slogan,
"Back to basics", conpled with
the promise of a council which
would consult and respond to the people.

But the Liberals are minority government, and many people in the city expect them to lose control at next year's election, thus continuing the trend of one political group succeeding another so rapidly that there has been oo continuity of the city's policies in such vital areas as schools and housing over the past decade.

Liverpool's problem of lack of contiouity is exactly the reverse of Hamburg's, where the Social Democrat Party (the SPD) bave been in power (sometimes as the senior partner of a coalitioo) for 24 years. The result is that the first thiog any Hamburger will say about the city is that its administration is, in Die Zeit's phrase, "a red oligarchy". A businessman, a shopkeeper, a journalist produced the identical criticism, "good jobs go with a party card and political nepotism, and the SOD party men pur the the SPD party men run the policy making in the State Parliament, as well as being enmeshed in the exacutive functinns of the administration including the public utilities such as electricity, transport, cooperative supermarkets, banks and building societies."

The citizens of both cities have nothing but criticisms to offer about their respective offer about their respective city governments, but the criticisms are the obverse of each other—in Liverpool they say the Liberals are too idealistic and not husinesslike eoough, while in Hamburg they say the SPD is too busy being businesslike for its own benefit to really heed the people.

beed the people.

The coustitutions of the two cities provide some of the clues to the enormous disparity between the general efficiency and prosperity of Hamburg, com-pared with Liverpool, Hamburg is for administrative purposes both a city and state, with a State Parliament of 122 members elected every four years. This legislature liself elects a Senate of between 10 and 15 members. These men give up their ordinary jobs, as well as all social life, for the highest status and the bardest work available in the city.

English local bas no equivalent of this pool of high calibre men, many of whom go on from these jobs 10 positions in the Federal Government in Bonn. In Liverpool, the 99 councillors (except one of the new young Liberals) have full-time jobs as well as their committee work which takes about three afternoons a week two nr three evening "surgeries" for constituents a week, and usually one party meeting. The council itself meets every five weeks. The committee work is serviced by the city's 7,000 man permanent administration, accountable to

the Council. A second major difference is A second major difference is in the district administration of the two cities. Hamburg has seven district councils, and again the heads of these are men who do a full-time four year stiot. Each district council has a small-scale hut important autonomy with rather more than \$100,000 a year to send than £100,000 a year to spend Five years ago, in an effort to improve the effectiveness of the city's administration, Liverpool

Council apent £150,000 on a McKinsey management report. The corporation's committees

vices, central and local gov ment offices dealing with lin oeeds such as bousing, pr tion, youth employment, far bealth, education welfare, social services scattered ac every area of the city, and o covering areas with diffe boundaries so that an effect and coordinated service aln ost impossible.

A fundamental difference tween the two cities seems come from their constituti relationship to central gov

to six, and its 26 departments. But McKinsey could solve the lack of liaisoo

ment. Whereas Liverpool almost half of its funds central government, Haml (except for major capital exditure projects) finances is from income rax (half of w it must pass on to Bonn) turnover tax (of which it renders 63 per cent to Bonn This need to be economic self-reliant marks the watmosphere of Hamburg's

atmosphere of Hamburg's in eriment and citizens with husinesslike pragmatism.

The same self-reliance there is in the relations between Hamburg and central government is there the relationship hetween H burg and its citizens. The ference between the ference between the countries' systems is countries' systems is lexemplified by housing pollin Hamburg 52 per cent homes were destroyed in war, and in an emerge building programme 485, houses were rebuilt. Of the 300,000 were built with 50 cent government loans at the rest of the money raised privately by the work be renant and the develor Concessionary loans by the to present day developers by the top t to present-day developers be to keep rents down, but of about 10 per cent in less of housing stock is owned by city. Liverpool on the othand owns one-third of city's homes, and needs £15.5m subsidy from cent goveroment towards its howing deficit. The vast slicker tice programme to perform towards in performance of the performance of t

In various parts of Liverpi a businessman, a docker, a Cyril Carr, the leader of 1 council, said enviously to not be much we have to lead from West Germany. None them want to learn that the ate no magic answers. Countlor Carr dreams that Liverpowill become rich by being magnetic free port like Hamburg part of the renegotiations of the part of the renegotiations of Common Market terms Dockland Action Group drer that the £20m South Docks s will be turned over free to t people of the city as the gre est waterfront recreation at in England orben the Cove-ment nationalizes the dock ment nationalizes the the the Mersey Dock and Harbo government will start pay the £1m a year for dredging t river, as they do in German and that the company con make a profit instead of a coloss, if the Government wou only subsidize it as Germans do their ports.

But no one is saying, as the are in Hamburg, that in the present economic situation there can be no grandiose call tal expenditure in the bope future dividends for the cit and the only dreams worth ba ing are of balancing the budge hy such tough measures those proposed for Hamburg Die Zcir by Frank Dahrendo—sacking 5,000 of the city 105,000 employees, for instances or sacking 400 teachers to creasing every class in the city by one child. But Hambur bas 2.1 per cent unemploymen whereas Liverpool bas 6.8 pc cent and the figure is rising s the solutions that Hambur finds for their common prol lems are unlikely to be accep able in Liverpool. Liverpoo will continue to envy Hamburg but they will not emulate it

Victoria Brittan (Concluded)

Computer that links every policeman to a data bank

The long electronic memory of the law

The introduction into service of the Home Office's Police National Computer System is transforming national police in-quiries as dramatically as elipon radiotelephones transformed local communications.

It is giving faster access to information, mare immediate responses to inquiries, and more ously the police bad access to flexible operations. The general aim is to give

local police forces throughout the country immediate access to selected central records. These records are held on the Police National Computer system at Hendon; and the local forces use their own terminals to confact the system via a network of Pest Office data lines. A 25m twin Burroughs com-

outer is at the heart of the wistem. Total cost to 1980, induding hardware, staff and ther running costs, will be be-tween £30m and £40m. By the late 1970s there will be about 1.000 terminals concected to

When fully operational, the relice system will be the largest "real-time" (immediate-response) system of its type in Europe. It is comparable in a major airline computer system, with the significant difference that the records are not only more numerous but have to be retained on file for many years.

Initially, three types of records are being held on the Heodon computer. These are an of the ridge count. In theory this index of owners of motor gives 10×30×30 possible com-

Scotland Yard's fingerprint file; and an index of stolen and suspect motor vehicles.

The first of these reflects the recent centralization of vehicle registrations by the Department of the Environment at its oew Swansea computer centre, Previthe 200-plus local authority tax offices when they needed to trace the owner of a vehicle.

Now the same information is available from Swansea. Magnetic tapes are sent from Swansea to Hendon daily, and extracts from the DoE entries are used to keep the police files

Fingerprint records of about 2.5 million people are held to the National Fingerprint Office in New Scotland Yard. Initially the Hendon computer is tn handle court-appearance in-quiries only-checking the full set of prints taken when a persoo is arrested against those

Later, the system is expected to be extended to include scene-To computerize the index, it

was necessary to devise a special numerical code to classify individual prints. After visual inspection each print is allocated twn numbers, one representiog a patiern code and the other a ridge count.



binanions, since different fingers of the same person can have different fingerprints. In practice, several thousand such combinations may occur with any one search. This coding

system is believed to be the most

detailed of its type in the world,

and is certainly more exact than

The most beroic gestures are always those which end io failure—Dunkirk and the Cbarge of the Light Brigade are

the manoal classification code used previously.
Reporting and locating stolen vehicles has been speeded up considerably using the Hendon computer. Previously it could

regional basis and published supplements to the Police Gazette. Now, using the computer, reports of thefts can be imme-

manual reporting on a local and

diately entered via the local terminals to the national databank at Hendon. And, for the first time, the computer will provide a national index of suspect as well as stolen vehicles. If the full registration number, chassis or engine number of a suspect vehicle is known, an inquiry via a terminal can produce an immediate response indicatiog whether or not the vehicle is listed as stolen, or is otherwise known to the police.

If the number is only partially known, or if a "descriptive search" for, say, a blue Jaguar or a red Mini is wanted, the computer can search the filesof vehicle owners or of stolen vehicles—and list those vehicles which might fit the description. These three initial applica-

tions are all based on "num-bers" files. They will be fol-lowed on to the computer by several "names" applications where the inquiries may be less

Two of these new applications are computer-based versions of existing national indexes—of criminal names; and of persons who are wanted, missing, or auspected of specific criminal offences—which are beld in the Criminal Record Office at New Scotland Yard.

Two others will be brought together on a national basis for the first time: these will list all disqualified drivers, and all persons subject to suspended or

deferred sentences.

These "people" files will be based on name, sex, colour of skin, height, and date of birth. phonetic system of name recognition has been adopted.

The names indexes will help to answer the "Anything known?" type of inquiry. The computer-beld criminal names index, it is planned, will even-tually be part of an automated criminal records system; initi-ally it will give basic informa-tion only, directing attention to the appropriate file beld at New Scotland Yard for the full criminal history.

A notable feature of the police computer system is the sheer size of its memory, which has to accommodate files grow-ing to about 25 million vehicle owners, the coded fingerprints nf about three million people, some five million criminal names, perhaps 200,000 stolen vehicles, and provision for many more records in the

Kenneth Owen

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Our cook's Diary features a recipe using herts for every week in 1975. Beautifully illustrated by lan Beck, plenty of space for notes and appointments. Our gardener's diarry advises what should be done in the garden, each week . Il lustrated by etchings, wood blocks, water colours and botanical prints. Our desk diary has a marbled over of pink and pale cohre. They all make notable presents.

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The Times Diary

Heroic, futile and very expensive

two which spring to mind. That is wby, when the anoals of Parliamentary beroics come to he written, the great dash from Luxenbourg to vote in Wednesday night's hanging debate will take a promioent place. Seven Conservative members of both the British and Euro-pean Parliaments left the chamber of the European Parliament in the middle of a quite important discussion on the results of the Paris summit. But

bourg airport they found that it was snowing too beavily for their scheduled flight to take off. When the snow eased, ice formed on the wings and there was a two-hour delay before it could be removed. When the port, the real chase began.

when they arrived at Luxem-

Peter Kirk, leader of the Conservative delegation to Europe, and Hugh Dykes, both abolition-ists, sped off in an official car. Meanwhile Ralph Howell, Tom Normanton and Michael Shaw, whn would all bave voted for a return of banging in cases of murder by terrorism comman-deered a taxi. They waved largesse (two five pound notes) in front of the driver's nose to encourage him to get there on

The driver was himself a supporter of hanging, ao needed little financial inducement. Sadly both the taxi and the official car arrived at about the same time, a good four minutes too late to vote. The unly European Parliamentarians who managed to vote were James

favour of the death penalty, and Sir Brandon Rhys-Williams, against it. They had left Luxenbourg earlier. So the net effect of the cross-Channel dash was

take up to 10 days for informa-tion to reach all police forces

throughout the country, via

But the drama was not over yet. The seven then returned to London Airport to climb aboard a chartered seven-seater Dove aircraft for the journey back to Luxembourg There they arrived in time, by five minutes, for an important vote on the European hudget. All of which proves how ridiculous (and expensive for the British taxpayer) it is to try to do two jobs at once.

Summit he ate

considerable foresight, Robin Young in Wednesday's Diary spotlighted the risks our Prime Minister was taking by sitting down in dine with the French in Paris. Sure enough, a stomach upset laid him low yesterday when be was due to report to the House on the apparent success of his mission.

Last week, when Wilson returned from Paris, the stomach trouble he had then was blamed on Giscard's nysters. Since then the French foreign minister, Sauvagnarques, has been carried from a banquet on

Soviet leaders, Brezhnev and Gromyko both cautiously ex-cused themselves a subsequent luncheon.

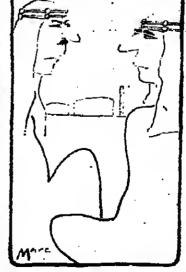
At the Downing Street press office, where they do not much like to talk about foreign food any more, Wilson's latest stomach upset was diplomatically described as a viral infec-

How, we wondered, would the French press deal with events described in our papers as "Giscard bows to Wilson" and the like. Yesterday's Le Monde had the answer: "Le modeste succès de la réunion des Neuf est surtout du à des concessions francaises."

L. G-B.

I know it is a minority view, but I have always regarded George Brown, as be then was, as Britain's most effective Foreign Secretary of the Sixtles. Yesterday I went to a cupboard-like room in the Palace of Westminster where be was announcing a new involvement in foreign

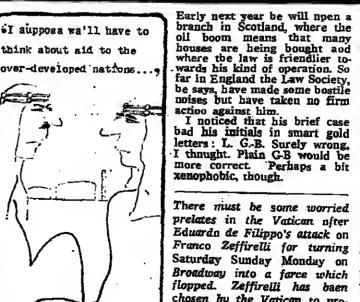
Lord George Brown, as be now is, has become chairman of the Council for International Cona stretcher (though this has fact Trust, a body which raises since been blamed on mixing money for seeding students and amphetamines with wine), and workers abroad. To celebrate



the fact, he made a apeecb of characteristic ebullience (why is that the word reporters always use about him?).

A convinced European, George-Brown made a telling comment on the European debate at last month's Labour Party conference. "I was borrified and frightened", he said, "by the extent to which xeno phobic dislike if not hatred of foreigners has become the key-note of the debate in the Labour

He was in a bright mood, and spoke enthusiastically to me about the success of bia new company offering cut-price convevancing to house purchasers.



flopped. Zeffirelli has baen chosen by the Vatican to produce the televised ceremony for the opening of the Huly Year on Christmas Eve at which the Pope will open the holy door of St Peter's. One of Eduardo de Filippo's detailed ubjections to

Zeffirelli's handling of the play was that characters could not open or shut n door without falling over. Lovers

The subject of the satisfaction people derive from working has been agonized over for some years now. So far the agonizing static bicycle operated by relays has not produced obvinus pract of fit chaps each taking o turn tical results. People continue to at pedalling?" Dad's Army hate work, managements and was never like that. unions remain at each mher's throats, and the talking con-

At a seminar given by th Industrial Society yesterday, Si Micbael Swann, chairman of th BBC and former principal o Edinburgh University, said tha at least two factors in a man working life were more signifi cant than pay: the sense o achievement and, where this die our apply (as on an assembline), the sense of belonging which could be achieved

Love, be suggested, could be expressed by appreciation and constructive criticism. "Ever-managing directors like to he

congratulated", he observed.
Not everynne was satisfied by
these arguments. One delegate ould it was all very well to talk of belonging, but in these inflationary times it did not pay the bills. "Wheo your wife asks for more money on Friday night, it ts no good saying: 'I belong at work but I can't give you any money'." Sic Michael had to concede the point.

In his lutest progress report, General Sir Walter Walker, the founder of Civil Assistance, issues a list of instructions for his county coordinators to follow in the event of the national brenkdown which he says is inevitable by Christmas. Under the section headed Self Help. he asks: "In an extreme emergency in hospital, could you get a generator worked from a static bicycle operated by relays

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of charity, and at the expense of

the Inland Revenue.
There is nothing fourinsically new

There is nothing fourinsically new in this piece of propaganda, which stands squarely in succession to the works of Dr Goebbels and others. Understandably, the Jewish community is sensitive to and rescotful of suggestions that its loyalty to Great Britain is somehow attenuated to the supplementation of the suggestions of the supplementation o

by the close relationship which some of its members bave with Israel.

But there is a wider issue involved also. In the present world crisis democracies are beginning to fray at their edges, struggling to control the elements which seek their destruction without resorting to the

gun. Scapegoat politics—and anti-semitism in particular—are in our ceotury the first obvious symptoms of a rotting society. It will be no harder for the extremists in our own midst to strike the chords of bitter-

ness and prejudice than it will be for those who seek to promote a just

Cause by means of gutter tactics.

Maoy Jews, and many Gentiles
too, find it incomprehensible that
Mr Arafat has acquired a hero's

status. If the advertisement to which I referred attracts sympathetic attention we must all realize, before it is too late, the road we are taking.

Sir. I was most upset and disturbed

to read the advertisement on behalf of the Committee for Justice for

More disturbing, however, is the

fact that a newspaper of your standing should accept and orint what can only be considered as enti-

Sir, Your leader today (December 12) is sheer hypocrisy. One advert is political, the other is racial, and you have neither the decency nor the dignity to recognize the differ

Longdean Park, Hemel Hempsread, Hertfordshire,

British made solutions.

The real problem to which we have to address ourselves is not how to cling to power in Ireland, but how to relinquish it. Only a foolish

person would say that is an easy matter. But the fact that it is

going to be complex to negotiate our

withdrawal should not be used as an excuse for the continued policy of

A government that acts oo principle and is forthright will win the support of the people of this country, as well as of the Irish people. A great deal can be done

six counties to think again, when

they talk of reprisals and seek to

iotimidate those who question what

they helieve to be their right to

rule. Their future also depends on finding a political structure that does not depend on British arms

and money to make it viable. The

important thing is that the Government should make clear its inten-tion to take this direction before

the convention is held.

This we believe is what must be done. A new chapter must be opened in our relations with Ireland.

We must respect the rights of the people of Ireland as a sovereign nation within the terms of the United Nations Charter. We should

begin by ending internment without trial. It is urgent that the people of Britain show themselves able and willing to make this kind of approach, rather than to descend in

to a vorter of more violence and

more repression. We invite all of those who agree with us to write to us at the House of Commons and

persuade the Ilmonists of the

and remember where it leads.

Yours faithfully,

the Middle East

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HE INFLATION THAT WORKS DOMESTIC

week's events bave focused tion on the external dimenof Britain's economic pre-nent. Specifically the depreon of the pound. Saudi ia's decision to refuse oil ients in sterling and the increase in the trade gap all refreshed memories n from the 1950s and 1960s onomic crises finally precipiby beavy runs on the pound. neople are asking thems wbetber the long-awaited has been reached and her the brief moments of fall before catastrophe es are even now ticking

ch misgivings arise from a ading interpretation of in's presont economic ples combined with a recol-20 of the characteristic finandramas of the 1950s and s. Those flurries in the gn exchaoge market threatat worst some downward stment in the pound's fixed ange rate.

e problem of the 1970s is rent. The pound is no longer I; and any particular crisis se mer partly on the rate and y on the reserves. What is take now is something far serious than a devaluation that uf 1967, namely an inal collapse of the currency as ble medium of exchange and, it, the collapse of the whole m of our postwar prosperity parliamentary government. is threat does not derive any external cause, but the culmination of nearly e decados of trying to pay cives more than we are really ing while relying upon inflarestore the necessary nce between income and output, between supply and demand, We have exploited what economists call "money illusion" to the full; and now the people

have caught on. Full employment cannot for much longer be maintained by printing nuney to pay inflated prices. Working people now demand that inflation should he allowed for in determining their pay. There comes a point when the authorities can no longer inflate faster than people expect; and that is the only way to maintain full employment wbon pay settlements are running ahead of increases in productivity.
The problems of higher oil

prices, of the associated trade deficit and of the reinvestment of the surpluses of the oil-producing countries are, by comparison, technical problems requiring and capable of technical solutions, It would be a different matter if the oil producers declined to supply the oil at all or if thay wanted to spend their surpluses on importing the current output the western economies, including Britain's.

If the oil deliveries ceased at

all abrupily, the western economies would literally and figuratively seize up. If the oil producers spent their oil revenues, the oil consumors would have to refrain from themselves consuming that part of their own output which the oil producers wanted to huy; and that would involve a significant, though once and for all, adjustment downwards in standards of living in the oil-consuming

But at present the oil producers are delivering the oil and seem to wish-or be able-only to spend a small fraction of their oil revenues. In that event, sinco the oil is paid for in the IOUs of the oil-consuming countries, the oil producers' surpluses cannot but be lent back to the oil consumers.

Provided that the Governments of the oil-consuming countries run budget deficits broadly equivalent to their proportionnte share in the collective nil deficit of the oil-consuming countries and that the surpluses of the oilproducing countries are directly or indirectly lent to the Governmonts of the oil-consuming countries, the world and national economies can remain in equilibrium. It may also be necessary for the oil-consuming countries to arrange among themselves to recycle any maldistribution of the oil producers' surplus funds so that they match the pattern of rbe deficits of the oil-consuming countries.

This last is essentially the purpose of Dr Kissinger's excellent scheme for mutual guarantees through the mechanism of the OECD. Given these conditions, which are likely to be fulfilled sooner rather than later next year, there is no way in the short-to-medium term that the oil deficits or the management of the surplus funds of the oil producers can cause catastropbe in the western economies.

The sterling crisis which would betoken real economic peril would be the kind which stemmed either from an internal collapse of the currency or from gross ovorstimulation of spending power in the home economy. In either case the fault and the romody would lie with ourselves; and there would be, as there is, no justification for making either bogymen or scapegoats out of foreigners in general or oil producers in particular.

EW PROGRESS IN RHODESIA

swift removal of the last-ite blockage which halted the ciations in Lusaka a week is a clear enough sign that ture Rhodesian settlement is g rough-hewn by powerful iders. President Kaunda has ously moved decisively to e the hardliners among the desian Africans to forget the and for immediate majority as the basis of the constituial conference which is the coodition for calling off their rillas. Mr Vorster's hand is to en seen in Mr Smith's prompt eptance of the African ersal, and the markedly conatory tone of bis announceit yesterday.

he settlement in detail will e to be shaped by black and te Rhodesian leaders, but ir respective backers—for that bat the situation is amounting -are determined to keep them totiating. That is the real urance that the two sides will shepberded or evon bullied rards sensible compromises ler continuing sanction of ng repudiated by those on om they depend for the sinews war. While Dr Kaunda and Mr rster see eye to eye the bope settlement will endure.

The Africans — both cionalists and the militants and ddlers who influence them m outside, have now, after all, t what they bave long de-inded: a constitutional conferco with all parties present-of urse including Britain when ined. Mr Smith bas also got, or getting, what he bas beld essento progress: the cessation of crorism. There is still some unrtainty over the timing of this, the Africans await a date for o talks.

Their mistrust should dispear as the detainees, beld only cause (it was alleged) they inigated violence, emerge from ison; Mr Nkomo and the Rev dabaningi Sithole are already ee men. Mr Smith bas accepted ie unthinkable in agreeing that is government will sit down with lese men as equals, and that

ir, It is to be boped that the

emarks of Baroness Seear—as uoted to your report (December 5) is a House of Lords debate on urban

raosport-will not obscure the

xiremely important contribution

which womeo bave been making for

naoy years to the operation of

ondon Transport's hus and Under

round services. A large number are

The broadoning of the scope of

heir omployment is under constant

review, and one of the points in

London Transport's nine-point plan

for improving pay and cooditions of

its staff announced more than a yoar

ago was greater flexibility in the use of labour, including the employment

of women "in grades now restricted

to men". As a result of the agree-

ment of a delegate conference of

London business, the way is now open for women to drive London's huses.

It was decided, after subsequent

consultations with the businen's union, that existing Loodon Transport staff should be given the first

opportunity to volunteer and train as hus drivers. Some bave already

qualified; others are in training or

awaining their turn for training. We

expect to be in a position to invite

women applicants from outside

imployed in a wide range of jobs.

Vomen in London .

rom Mr Ralph Bennett

ransport

"normal political activity." will he permitted. In other words the new grouping or party that incorporates Zanu and Zapu, is legal. The next stage is to work out bow and where the conforence begins and its ground rules.

When Mr Smith was negotiating with British governments, the difficulty was to find a formula which a fair-minded outsider could say was in accord with Britain's five principles-notably "unimpeded advance to majority rule". Now the problem moves away from "wbether" to "how" and "when". After the Portuguese settlement with Frelimo, the Africans are bound to want a rapid advance to certainly well within Mr Smith's lifetime. Nor will they willingly sign a settlement which leaves an interim white-dominated government in power in an independent Rhodesia, even for a few years, without guarantees that it cannot repudiate. They will be hard to budge from the singan "No Inde-pendence Before Majority Rule".

On his side, Mr Smith's tactics are to be discerned in bis promise tn the whites that Rhodesia's "standards" of civilization will not be deviated from. Nobody has seen these standards defined-in not a few respects it can he shown that white standards are both double standards and low standards in public life. If this slogan means that educated Africans lack the standards to africanize the civil service, or provide MPs at a level at least equal to that of Rhodesian Front backbenchers Mr Smith will bave to be persuaded otherwise. He bas bowever a hand that he knows how to play slowly, as has been seen, and the unity of Zanu

and Zapu has yet to he tested. The probability is that Dr Kaunda and Mr Vorster are agreed that an orderly and rapid progress to majority rule is necessary in both their countries vital interests, and that the risks of a racial war must be defused. They cannot mastermind the Rhodesian conference where the risk of failure will be present.

and agreement bas now been reached

in principle with the rail unions on

equality of opportunity for women

on the Underground generally. A

joint body comprising representa-

tives of the unions and management

will be looking urgently at the prob-

RALPH BENNETT, Deputy Chair-

Sir, You say of the Arts in your leader today (December 9) that they do nor bave an easy case to urge in hard times. They save no lives,

they relieve no bardship, they make

no direct contribution to the balance

of payments." Even as a skittle to knock down that sounds to mo rather

hollow. One thought that it was by now well established that a high percontage of overseas visitors were

lems of implementation.

The case for the Arts

From Mr John Harrison

Yours faithfully,

man, Loudon Transport,

55 Broadway, Westminster, SW1.

December 9.

The important first step is that Rhodesians have faced the inevitable and Mr Nkomo and Mr Sithole join Bisbop Muzorewa at the table as equals of the white ministers.

Mr Callaghan will no doubt learn more about bow the conference is to be conducted and bow Britain can help when be visits Africa in the new year. It would seem best for it to be beld in Rhodesia where President Kaunda and Mr Vorster can most easily exert a benign influence and keep informed. At least in the early stages, London is too far from the scene. It is true that the Pearce Commission showed the dangers of overheating in Rhodesian political discussions, where the Africans have so long heen inhibited.

Ways can surely be found to ensure calm. The Nationalists have a strong incentive to curb disorder in order to ensure that the South African police can depart in accordance with Mr. Vorster's conditions. The whites, for all the extremist comments by Mr Harper and Mr Idensohn, have seen the writing on the wall in Mozambique, and Mr Smith no doubt knows bow to let their predicament sink in to preserve his leadership—though he must reckon on trouble in the Front sooner or later.

In the final stages, Britain bas to formalize the agreement into law, and this requires an independence conference in normal colonial sense of the banding over of sovereignty. Until then Britain bolds a watching brief. Mr Callaghan may need an observer in Salishury again. Merely to note such points is to measure the extraordinary change in Rhodesia in months. even weeks. If the sanctions that have enforced this change are not those that Britain applied in 1965, they do ar last assure the validity of the new realism among Rhodesians black and white. There may be crises ahead, but there can be no going back to immobilisme.

costly and time-consuming, and we do not believe we should be justified—particularly with the present pressure on our training facilities drawn to London by its theatre and music, to Stratford and Edinburgh for their festivals, and this (together with the good will from tours abroad by Prospect and other companies) arising from improved recruitmentmust have some effect on the halance of payments. Many countries in deploying any of these facilities purely for women part-timers, as Lady Seoar is reported to have sug-gested. live by tourism alone. We have little On the Underground a large number of women already bold jobs as station and booking office staff

sunshine to offer, but much that is civilized, so loog as we doo't trade it away for a subsidy on cheese.

"They rolieve no bardship"? Nor much space in a letter to the Editor much space in a letter to the Edifor to define "bardship". It is a known factor that in Rastern Europe theatres and opera houses are a welcome relief from overcrowded living conditions, and we are rapidly approaching the same state.
"Save no lives"? I should bave

thought many a life has been made more worth living by the discovery of music, theatre and the visual arts and the social activities they bring in their wake. At what point one actually jumps off the odge must be deficed by different levels of toler-ance in individuals—hur this is a subject to develop at a length that would forbid publication. Of course the word "Arts" itself is a terrible hugaboo. I prefer "recreation", a word that cao be looked into closely and still retains its dignity. And I would suggest that play and concert going are bere analogous to the use of the public library and swimming batha or a walk on the Pennine Way. Yours faithfully,

IOHN HARRISON, Director, Leeds Playbonse, Calverley Street, December 9.

of divorcees

From the Bishop of Kingston Sir, Heather Jenner, in commenting on the policy in this diocese concerning the remarriage in church of divorced persons, draws attention to the undoubted fact that a number of serious minded and sincere people, especially young people, live together without getting married because they fear that they might out be able to keep their marriage rows which include the promise "to forsake all others so long as ye both shall live". She expresses the hope that this yow might be modified. This kind of cobabitation involves

a commitment which, although nut unconditional, is hearifelt and serious; and it can, to my know-ledge, lead on to the full commitment of marriage.
None the less it is not possible to

alter this marriage vow, oot because of what the Church thinks, but because of the nature of marriage itself. True marriage involves the free and upon consent of a couple to take each other without reserve as husband and wife. For public cognizance of a marriage, the vows must of course be taken before witnesses. It is these vows (made, of course with a proper intention which bring into being a marriage. To take another person without reserve involves taking him or her for life; and so the vow cannot be altered. Marriage is not unly the expression of love, but also of faith and of hope.

Those of us in the Church of

England (io company with the Orthodox churches and the main stream Protestant churches) who helieve that it is right in certain circumstances to remarry people in church wish not to weaken marriage but to strengthen it. The Finer Committee reckoned that in future between 15 per cent and 25 per cent of marriages are likely to end in irretrievable breakdown; and the object of remarriage in courch of those who have suffered from such disaster is to help them to begin again and to make a real marriage that does indeed last until death us do part". Without in any way passing judgment on those who cannot make this life-long commitment (an inability to commit oneself fully to anything or any-body seems to be a sad characteristic of our age), it would be a demial of the true nature of marriage to modify the vows as Heather Jeoner suggests.
Yours faithfully,

†HUGH KINGSTON, Whits Lodge, 23 Believue Road, Wandsworth Common, SW17,

Canterbury Cathedral

From the Reverend J. E. James Sir, I read your report (December 6) of the appeal being launched for £3.5m for the restoration of Canter bury Cathedral with some misgiving. I have never been one to decry the need to maintain our ancient buildings, nor do I undervalue the spiritual importance of churches, but in view of the serious financial plight of many of the parish clergy (a plight not likely to improve in the near future) is it not time for the Church to give serious thought

to its priorities? Is it not time also for the Church to allow the State to assume its responsibility for bearing some of the cost of restoring our great Cathedrals which although the property of the Church of Eogland, belong in a real sense to the whole nation. Yours faithfully. J. E. JAMES,

The Rectory. Woodstock.

From the Rev J. V. Stewart Sir, I am not at all in disfavour of Canterbury Cethedral: In reading, however, of the appeal uoder very high spoocorship for £3.5 million for its restoration, and the endow-ment in perpetuity of its musical foundation, I did wonder if I might seek a very small space in your columns to beseech equivalent spon-sorship for some other equally good causes, eg (a) for a church-run cultural training farm in Northern Madagascar, £3,500 (a thousandth part of the Canterbury total). I have been trying to find this mooey for over a year with small success. North Madagascar is very fertile, and, in a hungry world, its better cultivation could mean life

better cultivation could mean life and health for many people.

Or else (h) for the giving of £3.50 (a millionth part) to the families of Anglican parochial clergy this Christmas. There are some such families which I know where such a aum would make a real difference.

But I am not in disfavour of Canterbury Cathedral.

Yours sincerely.

Yours sincerely, TOHN STEWART. Sibford Gower Vicarage, Banhury, Oxfordshire

Insurance and industry

From Mr W. C. Harris
Sir, May I add a word in support
of Mr Macdooald's (Chairman,
British Insurance Association) letter (December 5)? Not only did Mr Healey mis-state the extent of the insurence companies financial involvement in British industry but he also ignored the fact that the in-aurance companies' contribution to FFI (Finance for Iodustry) derived from a voluntary City initiative and not from Government pressure. Yours faithfully,

W. C. HARRIS, Director and Chief General Manager, Phoenix Assurance Company Ltd. Phoenix House, 45 King William Sweet, EC4.

Threat to women's hospital

From Ms Joan Scott Sir, Could not the staff of Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital migrate to the Liverpool Road annex of the Royal Free Hospital when the latter's maternity services are reboused at Hampstead? There is dismay in South Islington at the great loss to the neighbourhood when these facilities are withdrawn. This might be a solution to both problems. Yours faithfully, JOAN SCOTT, 3 Church Garth, N19.

Church remarriage Britain and the Middle East

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Dr Adrian Ziderman

Sir, A full-page advertisement headed Shouldo's Britain Come First?" appearing in The Times on Wednesday raises an important issue of principle. What is the implication of its strong condemnation of charity donations by British citizens to Israel, hased on the assertion that these moneys otherwise would be spent here to build more bomes, to improve social services, to help

These charity payments go to-wards the amelioration of the lot of Jewish refugees from Arab lands (who, it is not generally realized, constitute a majority of Israel's Jewish population) as well as the Jewish population) as well as the absorption of the victims of persecution in Russia. Is it seriously suggested that charity payments abroad should cease, be they for Jewish refugees to Israel, for Oxfam, Christian Aid, &c. in the desperate hope that this might make some marginal contribution to solving this country's concentry difficulties? ccoomic difficulties? course, it wouldn't.)

While such a narrowly selfish attitude is unacceptable to citizens of this country, it evidently commends itself to those Arab leaders whose vicious use of the oil weapon and accumulation of vast oil revenues continues to inflict economic harm on the peoplo of this country—including the homeless, the users of the social services and pensioners. Their cynical disregard for the im-mediate welfare of the Palestinian refugees, whose plight could so easily he improved if just a minute proportion of Arab oil moneys were put 10 this puroose, contrasts with the ready availability of finance for the atrocines perpetrated by Arah terrorists against innoceot Israeli citizens.

Yours faithfully, ADRIAN ZIDERMAN. Queen Mary College. Mile End Road. E1.

From Mr Peter Lewis Sir, The advertisement you publish on behalf of the Committee for

Justice in the Middle East has disturning ramifications.

It would of course be undignified to answer its implication that British Jewry is financing indiscriminate bombing of refugees under the guise

It is with this that we in Britain are identified.

The second hasic trith is that the people of Ireland must decide their own future. There can be no more Northern Ireland

From Miss Joan Maynard, Labour MP for Sheffield, Brightside, and others Sir. Io our view we are poised at a

momeot of very great danger in our relations with Ireland. Unless a new and radically, different approach is made by the people and government of this country, the smouldering civil war that has existed ever since the six county province was set up io 1921 will erupt into Britain and tear it apart. If a solution is not found quickly it is logical for this to happen. As Algeria divided France, as its African territories divided Portugal, and as Vietnam divided America, the conflict over Ireland will divide Britaio.

We have oo doubt that at present the Covernment is not facing the issue. The speed with which Parliameot passed the Protection against Terrorism Act, can be contrasted with the debate a week later on Ireland in the House of Commons. Mr Rees spoke of the forthcoming coovention as a way to find the solution which was eluding the Govern-meot. But, with the exception of only a few MPs, no one had any doubt that we are drifting towards a situation 'n which we will be con-fronted at the convection with the intransigent demands of the Ulster Unionists. The "solution" will be a choice between banding over power to Messrs Paisley, West and Craig, or cootiming with direct rule. Either way means continued violence and repression.

What the Government refuses to recognize is a truth that is basic to any real solution. The violence in Northern Ireland is the result of repression. For the majority of the people of Ireland, rule by the British army is no mora tolerable in the long run, then Stormont rule
was, and the Emergency Provisions
Act which interns people without
trial is no more acceptable than the Special Powers Act that preceded it. In every one of the 53 years since the province was created, there bas beeo repressive legislation io force.

Sir, In identifying a qualified male chauvinism in Delacroix's "The Duke of Orleans showing his Mistress to the Duke of Burgundy", Mr Paul Overy (the Arts, December 3) has not observed an important detail.

not observed an important detail in the relationship between the

figures in the painting. He says:
"His mistress lies naked on the
bed and ber lover has drawn up
the sbeet so that it hides ber face

and the top part of her body, but

leaves her exposed from the waist downward. The Duke of Burgundy ... stands beside the bed inspecting

what is revealed with obvious approval."

What he does not tell us is that the lady, as well as being the Duke of Orleans's mistress, is the Duko of Burgundy's wife. Hence the necessity of concealing her face. The

piquant irony of these circumstan-

ces, which must count for some-

thing in interproting the attitudes of the two men visa-vis the girl and each other (to say nothing of her

complicity), is not quite brought ont

by Mr Overy's description: "Never-

theless be reveals a sympathetic tenderness in the way be shows the

girl clutching ber arms around her-

self in embarrassment or shame

underneath the sheet." Naturally!
"For we see what the Duke of

A version of the atory, explaining

how the trio got themselves into the situation we see them in, can be found in Ralph Ginzburg's Az

Unhurried View of Erotica.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN ROE, Vanbrugh College,

University of York,

Heslington, York.

Burgundy does not see....

Indeed.

'Duke of Orleans's

mistress?

From Mr John Roc

King of the Cocos

we uodertake to respood.

JOAN MAYNARD, STAN THORNE, MAUREEN COLQUHOUN, EDDIE LOYDEN, MARTIN FLANNERY,

Yours sincorely,

JEFF ROOKER, House of Commons.

From the Reverend A. G. Macintyre Sir. Your report (The Times, November 26) "UN call to break the power af the 'King of the Cocos'" will have been read with astonishment and dismay by those who had the honour and happiness to serve in his Majorian to Corre in his Majesty's Forces in the Cocos-Keoling Islands in 1945.

The inhabitants then struck us

as among the most contented people in the world. The old, the children and the sick were cared for by the community. There was work for all the able-bodied and a free bouse for every family. Every adult was a member of Parliament (the weekly "court" beld in the open air). There was no money, and hence no cur-rency or inflation problems. Most of our infectious diseases (including VD) were unknown. There were no prisons, no police, no locks on doors, no strikes, no violence.

It was an barmonious multi-racial society. The part played by the Clunies Ross family was a skilful balancing of the islands' economy copra exports paying for imports of food which this coral atoli could not grow. The system could be described as benevolent paternalism or as practical communism—"from each according to his ability; to each according to his need."

If in the past 30 years this idyllic community has really lapsed into rolonialism, neo-feudalism, and slavery, this is a great pity. But the imposition of the Australian dollar, compulsory education by foreigners, and conformity to the present way of life of the rest of the world would be a tragedy.

Yours, etc. ANGUS MACINTYRE, Harborne Vicarage, Old Church Road. Harborne.

Closed shop for engineers

From Mr Denis Sweancy Sir. The adverse effects of a restora-tion of the "closed-shop" will extend far beyond the newspaper industry.

Engineers remember that attempr to force professionel and executive engineers employed by C. A. Parsons into membership of TASS was defeated only by a combination of action through the courts and by the introduction of safe-guards cootained in the Industrial Relations Act 1971.

The deletion of the so called "Lever" amendments from the Trade Union and Labour Relations

Act is likely to create the opportunities for widespread extensions of the "closed-shop". All that will stand between the professional and execubetween the professional and execu-tive engineers and compulsory mem-bership of a union with a closed-shop policy is either the willingoess and ability of their employers to say "no" or their own villingoess to be tough and give stronger backing to their own professional associa-tions

The right of professional groups to belong to an organization of their own devising is more than an issue of freedom of choice. The eogineerattract suitable recruits unless its general standing is improved. The President of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers said in his recent Presideonal Lecture "I believe that the reluctance of really hright six-formers to enter the tech-nically based professions and engineering to particular, is one of the most serio is long-term problems we face". He also referred with approval to the statement of a previous President which included the words "a reconologically based conterprise which fails to retain adequate technological expertise is foredgoined. foredoomed to eventual failure, whatever the brilliance of its

management".

Ooe of the ways of improving the profession is to ensure that it has a stronger voice io industry and in public affairs. To do so ir needs to organize itself. It should work out a harmonious working relatiooship with craft-based unions, and with multi disciplinary unions but it should not be absorbed by them and thereby lose all identity.

It is not roo late for the Govern-

meor's amending Bill to he modified. Yours faithfully. DENIS SWEANEY. General Secretary, Association of Supervisory & Executive Engineers.

Wix Hill Pouse. West Horsley, Surrey,

Conserving museum pieces From Mr Max Hebditch Sir, Graham Thomas (letters, Decem-

ber 6) rightly draws attended to the need to raise mooey for rescue archaeology from developers themselves. This is especially important wheo the economic situation restricts central and local Government expenditure. However, it is not enough that there should be adequate funds to record the evidence from the ground; it is equally im-portant that sufficient finance is available to meet the ongoing need to conserve the resulting flood of anuquiues and records.

. This association is only too aware that most museums do not have the buildings, lahoratories and staff to do this properly; it is also aware that the respoose of the Department of Education and Science to this problem is not encouraging. In the current financial year the Department of the Environment of Education of the Environment of the Environment of Education of the Education of ment of the Environment bas allocated £1,063,000 in grants towards excavation and publication. A similar figure is needed by museums to meet the burdeo this thrusts upon

The help offered by the Department of Education and Science this year has been an increased grant to Area Museum Service (each serving groups of autonomous musaums) and thus indirectly their conservation laboratories; but these are not adequate even to meet the existing needs of museums. Consideration is also being giveo to providing financial assistance from central Covernment funds to projects de-Government funds to projects designed to improve facilities at museums of more than local significance: but this will not pay for extra reuted accommodation needed. now. In fact, Government assistance falls well short of the recommeodations of the Wright Committee on Provincial Museoms, which reported in Fabruary, 1973.

Until museums can accept, conserve and store the products of excavation, a great archive of national history must inevitably derescue archaeology theo it may he possible not only to recover the past hut also to preserve it for the future. future. Yours faithfully, MAX HEBDITCH,

Chairman, Information Committee of The Museums Association, As from The Museums Association, 87 Charlotte Street, W1.

Honey from road verges From Mr Anthony Armstrong

Sir, Miss Kenyoo in ber letter (December 3) says that the answer to "the absence of bees among

white clover on the A1 might be the absence of hives within bees' flying capacity when loaded". Would it not be more correct to say when unloaded, because no bees eould than ever reach the clover? There could easily be hives withir. the laden and unladen range of bees and this would result in a very contrary situation. Far from ar

absence of hees at the A1 site there would be an increased number due to bees circling the clover field trying to abed enough load to make their return journey possible. There would also be other stupider bees who bad misguidedly taken off with full load and had had to force-land before completing their mission. At this would result in the completing their mission. this would result in any noticeable absence of bees being at the hive end rather than the other way

Yours faithfully ANTHONY ARMSTRONG. Sadlers End, Three Gates Lane, Maslemere, Surrey.

London Transport to the early part of next year. This, however, will be on a full-time basis. The training of bus drivers is .



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 12: His Excellency Señor Ricardo Parrales Saochez and Señora Parrales Sanchez were and Senora Parrales Sanchez were received in farewell audience by The Queen this morning and touk leave upon His Excellency relioquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordioary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Nicaragua to the Court of Si Ismes!

Mr Arnold Smith, Secretary General of the Commoowealth, had the honour of heing received by

The Queen gave a Reception at Buckingham Palace this evening at which Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips were preseot.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon travelled in an aircraft of noon travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight to open the Sony (UK) Limited factory at Bridgend, Glamorgan. His Royal Highness subsequently

attended the Royal Premiere in Wates of Murder on the Orient
Express at the Olympia Theatre,
Cardiff, followed by a Recepton
at Mid Glamorgan County Hall.
Squadron Leader David Checketts was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE CLARENCE HOUSE
December 12: Queen Elizabeth The
Queen Mother, a Master of the
Middle Temple, was pleased to
dine with her fellow Benchers at
the Middle Temple this evening.
The Dowager Viscountess
Hambleden and Captain Alastair Aird were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE December 12: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester as Joint Patron of the Dominion Students' Hall Trust attended a reception this evening at London House, Mecklenburgh Square. Miss Jennifer Thomson was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE. ST JAMES'S PALACE December 12: The Ducbess of Kent, as Patron. was present this afternoon at the "Not Forgotten" Association's Christmas Party at the Royal Mews, Buckingham

Mrs Alan Henderson was in THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK

December 12: Frincess Alexandra this afternoon travelled to Glasgow in an aircraft of The Queeo's Flight where Her Royal Highness opened the new Centre for Scottish Television. This evening. Princess Alexandra

was present at a charry ball, organized by the Rotary Club of Glasgow in aid of the Scottish Council for the Care of Spastics, at the City Chambers.
The Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh will lunch with the National Coal Board at Hobart House, Grosvenor Place, on December 18.

Birthdays today

Lord Alexander of Potterhill, 69; Hon-Sir George Bellew, 75: Sir Alan Bullock, 60; Mr Glen Byam Shaw, 70; Sir John Dean, 75; Sir Evelyn Hooe, 63; Professor W. H. McCrea, 70; Mr Joho Piper, 71; Sir John Pone-Hennessy, 61 Sir John Pope-Hennessy, 61.

University news

Oxford

three years. Logdoo

Appointments: Mr E. L. Britton, general secretary of the National

Archbishop of Canterbury

Pestal Evensong to welcome the tew Archbishop of Canterbury will in held in Westminster Abhey at 7.00 on Saturday, January 25, 975. Applications for tickets hould be made as soon as possible employing a stamped ible, enclosing a stamped widressed envelope, to the Receiver General, 21 Dean's Yard, ondon SWIP 3PA. Some seats will be available for non-ticket

The Leys School

he governors have eppointed Mr tewart's and Melville College, dinburgh, to be Headmaster of he Leys School from September He will succeed Mr V. A. Barker, who becomes eadmaster of University College chool, Hampstead, on that date.

25 years ago

From The Times of Tuesday, December 13, 1949

staffs in Tanganyika was the sub-ject of much political curiosity yes terday, but the only new fact that became known was that the Minis-ter had a talk with the Prime Minister on Friday at which his proposed visit was approved. More may be heard about the reasons for this visit from Government of Lords debate on the groundunt

Tanganyika by the recent dismissal of two members of the board, by the resignation of other prominent officials, and by the recent House of Commons debate and the public discussion that has followed.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr B. J. D. Collins and Miss V. E. Wilson

The engagement is announced between lamie, younger son of the late Licutenaut-Colonel Brian Abdy Collins, OBE, MC, and Lady Abdy Collins, OBE, MC, and Lady de Mauley, of Langford House, Little Faringdon, Lechlade, Gloucestershire, and Virginia (Doki), youngest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel H. M. Wilson, MC, and Mrs H. M. Wilson, of Liwyn Einon, Llangammarch Weils, Powys.

Mr J. M. J. Darke and Miss J. J. Reid

The engagement is announced between Jamie, unly son of Commander Norman Darke, QPM, and Mrs Darke, of 5 Islet Park House, Maidenhead, Berkshire, and Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs James Reid, of 6 Avenue Guillaume, Luxembourg.

Captain T. R. Hamilton-Baillie and Miss M. J. A. S. von Senger und Etterlin

The engagement is aunounced he tween Thomas, elder sos of Brigadier J. R. E. Hamilton-Baillie. MC. and Mrs Hamilton-Baillie. of Rectory House. Stanford-in-the-Vale. Oxfordshire, and Marina, daughter of Generalmajor Dr jurand Frau von Senger und Etteriun, of Am Südpark 9, Cologne, West Germany.

Mr M. F. Rathbone and Miss S. A. Lloyd

and Miss S. A. Lloyd

The engagement is announced between Michael Francis, younger son of Mr and Mrs P. W. Rathbone, of Tree Tops, Woolton, Liverpool, and Sata Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. E. Lloyd, of Duddon Hunt's Cross, Liverpool.

Dr J. M. Ritter and Dr Anne Dornhorst

The engagement is announced be-tween James, son of the late Dr E. C. Ritter and of Mrs S. Ritter, now of Brightoo, and Anne, daughter of Professor and Mrs A. C. Dornhorst, of London. The marriage will take place quietly in Oxford on Christmas Eve.

Mr D. P. Wells and Miss M. Morris

The engagement is announced between David Patrick, son of Mr and Mrs J. A. Wells, and Michele, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs H. W. Morris.

Marriages

Hon C. H. R. Fortescue and Miss J. B. Sowrey The marriage took place at Chelsea old Church yesterday of the Hon Charles Fortescue, son of Viscount Ebrington, of The Old Farm, Swin-brook. Oxfordshire, and the late Viscountess Ebrington, and Miss Julia Sowrey, elder daughter of Air Commodore and Mrs J. A. Sowrey, of Aldgate, Ketton, Rutland. The

Rev C. E. Leighton Thomson officiated, The bride, who was given lo marriage by her father, was attended by the Hoo Laura and the Hoo Sarah Forrescue. Robert Sinclair, Daniel Stewart and Chloe Stewart. Mr David Henderson was

best man. A reception was beld at the Hyde Park Hotel and the honeymoon is eing spent ahroad.

Mr J. Hudson-Lyons and Mrs R. J. Hudson

and Mrs R. J. Hodson
The marriage took place quietly at
Caxton Hall, Loodon yesterday
between Mr Joho Hudsoo-Lyons,
of Holmefield, Wooersh, Surrey,
and Mrs Rosemary June Hudson,
of Court House, Wonersh, Sorrey,
Licuteoant-Colonel Neville Lyons
and Mr Nicholas Hudsoo were with nesses. A small reception was later held at Quaglioo's banqueting

Union of Teachers, to be senior

The following students have been awarded first class bonours degrees

m the following sobjects:

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
Electrical engineering: M. S. Rogers.
Stafford G of E: K. R. Chaplain Saltley
S. M. J. Mwandonya, Hares-Salaam
fech C: K. Taylor, Tividale Comp S.
Prodoction engineering: R. Gilheany P.
Bough GS, Scumthorpe: R. E. Reeves,
K. Edward GS, Bath.
Mechanical engineering: R. C. Ornity,
K. Edward VI S. Aston: P. Hartley,
Menor S, Wednesbury: M. Hazlehurs!,
Did Swinford Hops, Stourbridge: C.
Melcalfe, Gilberd A. Colchester: P.
C. Wood, Golden Hillock Sec S. Birs
ningham: N. Mann. Portsmouth GS.

in the following sobjects:

research fellow in educatioo.

The Charles Oldham Shakespeare Prize awarded to I. K. McGilchrist, New College.

MERTON COLLEGE: Sir Lenrox Berkeley. BA. Hon Il Music, commoner of the college, 1922-1926, and Professor J. M. Walkee-Hadrill. MA. Illut. Chichele Professor of Modern History and fellow of All Souls, formerly research fellow of Modern Fellowalt Modern Fellowalth Homorary Fellowships.

Edinburgh Professor A. G. Mackie, Professor W. H. Walsh and Professor S. B. Saul are to be vice-principals for

CHELSEA COLLEGE: A gran of 5152,550 has been received from the Science Research Council.

From Our Parliamentary

Mr Strachey's sudden departure on Sunday on an unexpected visit to the Overseas Food Corporation's

There is little doubt that further uneasiness has been caused among the Corporation's executives 10

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Luncheons

HM Government Mr Fred Peart, Minister of Agri-culture, Fisheries and Food, was host at a luocheon held by her Majesty's Government at Lan-caster House yesterday in honour of ministers and delegates attending the sugar discussions. The Prime Ministers of Fijl and Mauritius were present.

HM Covernment

Mr John Graot, Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Over-seas Development, was host at a Luncheon at Admiralty House yes-sterday in honour of Mr P. A. Bramble, Chief Minister of Mont-

Malaysia-Singapore Commercial Association

The annual luncheoo of the Malaysia-Singapore Commercial Association was held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel. Mr John Wilson, president, was the host. The guest of honour was Mr John White deputy director-general of the Con-federation of British Industry, and among other guests were:
The High Commissioners of Malaysia en
Singapore and their irade commissioners
the Agent for the Brunel Government
Mr J. S. Rooks and Mr C. W. Squire.

Stock Exchange

The chairmao, Mr G. A. Loveday, and council of the Stock Exchange held their Christmas luncheon to Mr Edmund Dell, Paymaster General, and Mr Gordon Richardsoo, Governor of the Bank of England, at the Stock Exchange on Wednesday. Those present were:

on weednesday. Hose present were:
Lord Aidingion, Sir Houglas Allen, Mr
M. E. R. Allsopp, the Hon John
Baring, Mr J. O. Blair-Comynghame,
Mr A. H. Chesterfield, Mr A. U.
Clark, Mr John M. Clay, Mr Paul
Olxey, Sir Robert Erskine-Hill. Mr
Robert Fell, Shr Archibald Forbes, Mr
I. H. T. Garnett-Orme. Mr J. O.
Hambro, Mr J. O. Hollom, Sir Kenneth
Keith. Sir Cyril Kleinwort. Mr A.
Macdonald, Mr G. W. MackworthYoung, Mr Daniel Meioerthagen,
Norman Motley, Mr
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John Prideaux, Mr N. J. Robsoo,
Air Erk Roll, Mr Walter H. Salomon,
Mr Philip Shelbourne, Mr C. F. M. P.
Inompsob, Sir Peter Thornton, Mr
John G. Vughan, Mr Michael J.
Yerey, Mr Charles H. Wilkers, Mr
I. W. G. Wass and Sir Philip de
Zuluefa.

A. F. Tuke John G. Verey. Mr H. W. G. Zulueta.

Dinners

Law Society The Lord Chancellor attended a dinner given by the president of the Law Society, Mr E. H. S. Singleton, the vice-president and the council at the society's hall the council at the society's hall last night. Others present included: The French Ambassador, the Lord Chief Justice, the Master of the Rolls, Viscount Hilhorne, Lord Morris of Borthy-Gest, Lord Justice Scarman, Lord Justice Starman, and Justice Starman, and Justice Starman, Lord Justice Baymen, Mr Justice Thesiper, Mr Justice Payne, Mr Justice Foster, Mr Justice Griffiths, Mr Justice Espaiall, Judge Pigol, QC, and Judge E, S. Fay, QC.

Canning House The president of the Hispanic and Luso Brazilian Council, Lord Chalfont, presided at a dinner given last night at 6 Belgrave Square in honour of the Latin American ambassadors. The guest-of bonour was Lord Wolfenden.

Fan Makers' Company

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The Fan Makers' Company beld
their livery dinner yesterday evening at the Mansion House, when
the Master and Mrs Colin Gray,
the Wardens and their ladies and
the Court of Assistants enternamed members of the livery and

rained members of the livery and their friends to meet the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs. The speakers were the Lord Mayor, the Foreign Warden and Mr Cyril Ray, Among those present were:

The Belgian Ambassador, the Bishop of London and Mrs Ellison, Alderman Sir Cilbert and Lady Inglefield, the Master of the Belgian Ambassador, the Bishop of London and Lady Inglefield, the Master of the Warters to Company and Misser of the Cranteld Institute of Technology and Miss Saunders, the president, HeVAG Association, and Mrs Hariey, the Dean, Polytechoic of the South Bank, and Mrs Scott, and the Elerk and Mrs E. J. H. Geffet.

National Dock Labour Board the hoard and its predecessor, the National Dock Labour Corporation, last evening at the hoard's bead-quarters on the Albert Embank-Ulster
Dr Paul Christophersen, a reader
io English, has been appointed to
a personal chair in English, the
first such appointment since the
university opened in 1968.
Latest grants include £5,000 for
the new theatre fond from the
Gulbenkian Foundation, bringing
the total promised to £30,000.

National Liberal Club

The political and economic circle of the National Liberal Club gave a dinner last night to Mr Richard Marsh, chairman of British Rail. Mr Cyril Smith, MP, was in the chair, and a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr R. Detsiny.

St Gregory's Society The annual dinner of St Gregory's Society was beld at the Park Lane Hotel last night. Sir Patrick O'Connor presidend and the Abbot and headmaster of Downside School were the speakers. Dom Patrick Barry, headmaster of Ampleforth College, was among

Supper

British Council A visit to the Royal Ballet at the Royal Opera House and a supper party afterwards at Rules Restaurant were given yesterday by the British Council oo the occasion of the Anglo-Bulgarian Cultural Talks. The host was Dr J. F. H. Villiers, British Council, and Mrs Villiers.

and Mrs Villiers. Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Wallace Duncan Smith was christened Michaela Sara Hildebrand at Holy Trinity, Brompton, by tha Rev R. J. W. Morris, vicar, on December 8, 1974. The godparents are Mr and Mrs Ronald Blackman, Surrey, and Mrs Paul Szasz, Toronto, Canada.

Princess Alexandra, as president, will be present at an entertainment to benefit the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, at Marlborough House on December

Candlesticks fetch a record

£38,000 The highlight of a sale of English and foreign silver at Sotheby's yesterday was a superh pair of Charles II candlesticks by Jacob Bodendick, dated 1669. They were bought by How of Edinburgh, for 128 000 which must be a record 538,000, which must be a record price at auction for any pair of English candlesicks. The candlesicks, 12½ inches high, are in almost pristice condition.

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Another very high price was £5,200 (How of Edioburgh) for a fine set of 12 William III trifid spoons by Joyce Issod, dated 1698. These were also in excellent condition. Other prices included £5,000 for an early George I octagonal coffee pot by R. Timbrell and B. Bentley, 1714, and £3,400 for a Queen Anne baluster tea kettle on a lamp stand by David Willaume the elder, 1708.

Several European buyers years at

Several European buyers were at the sale and prices for European silver were particularly buoyant. An early eighteenth-centmy Italian helmet-shaped ewer made in Genoa about 1720 fetched £3,800.

In Sotheby's sale of European works of art and malolica, two south German enamelled gold jewels from the second half of the south German enamelled gold jewels from the second half of the sixteenth century feetched £12,000 and £11,500. A pair of Anstrian polychrome wood figures of monk saints by Christian Greiner, dated 1732, fetched £5.500, and an attractive Urbino dish painted in the manner of Nicola Pellipario, about 1530 to 1540, went for £3,700.

At Sotheby's, Chancery Lane, the first part of a sale of printed books realized £16,359. Loomans paid £1,200 for Sanson's Atlas Nouneau. . . Volume One, 1692, bound with Adair's Description of the Sea-Coast and Islands of Scotland . Part One, 1703.

At Sothehy Parke/Bernet, New York, on Wednesday, a sale of important jewelry realized £522,157. A pink diamond ring, a cushion-shaped pink diamond weighing about 15.85 carats was sold for £57,940, and a diamond ring centring a marquise-shaped diamood of about 8.40 carats fetched £21,459.

Gilded stools: a pair of unusual Regency white-painted and gilded stools which came up for sale at Christie's yesterday are to be split up to go to two different museums. One of the stools, carved with



while the other is to go to Temple Newsam, Leeds. They were bought by Mr Ronald Lee, the London dealer, on behalf of the museums for £1,785. The stools were sent for sale by Mrs Nancy Lancaster.

The sale of English and Cootinental furniture, Eastern rugs and carpets, saw several items sell for well over their estimated prices. The top price was the £2,415 paid by Fernandez Marche for an early

general sale of postage stamps realized £25,608, bringing the total for the sale so far to £48,148. One-country collections sold particularly well, reaching prices hundreds of pounds above estimates. A collection of several hun-dred early stamps of the German States went for £1,100, against an estimate of £250.

A complete sheet of the 1948 Silver Wedding 51 blue stamp Stools which came up for sale at Christle's yesterday are to be split by Fernandez Marche for an early up to go to two different museums. One of the stools, carved with simulated drapery falling over the sides in fringed folds, will go to the Victoria and Albert Museum, of Stanley Gibbons's three-day A complete sneet of the 1948 Silver Wedding 51 blue stamp used on a cover on the first day of issue realized £250, a similar sheet; but mused, went for £230. A letter bearing the signature of Dr Crippen was sold for £42.

The Pope will proclaim six new saints, including an American, during Holy Year our ardent desire, for all peoples

Rome, Dec 12.—The Pope Pope actually read out the right nonunced today that he will or wrong date at the consistory. announced today that he will proclaim six new saiots, including the first to be horn in the United States, during the 1975 Holy Year,

The Pontiff, marking the twentieth anniversary of his ordination as Archbishop of Milan, told cardinals in a special consistory that he hoped the examples of the new saints would help to bring better days for the church

and the world.

The canonization of the Blessed Mother Elizaheth Ann Bayley Seton, a Protestant-born widow from New York who founded the Order of the Sisters of Charlty and pioneered the United States parochial school system, was set for September 14.

a special case' MP urges

By Our Arts Reporter Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Opposition spokesman oo the arts, called yesterday for a S per cent minimum growth rate over the next two years in public spending on the arts, with additional grants for 1975-76 and 1976-77 of £6.7m and £9m respectively.

He said: "I should like to see a return to the Conservative 10

He said: "I should like to see a return to the Conservative 10 per cent growth rate, and this could be done If the Cabinet were to decide that the arts should he made a special case. They should be. The sums involved are small compared with the vast sums spent in other spheres, and the return is great."

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In a private member's motion calling for the exemption of works of art from capital transfer and wealth taxes, Mr Airey Neave said it would encourage patronage of living artists as well as helping to keep works of art in Britain. He boped to bave the motion de-

ated today.

The motion also calls for goveriment action to preserve his-toric houses and their art collec-tions and to support university and provincial museums, galleries and exhibitions to preserve art treasures for public enjoyment.

Today's engagements The Prince of Wales carries out engagements in connection with The Prince of Wales's Commit-tee for Wales in Bangor, Gwynedd, 9. The Duke of Gloucester attends.

twenty-first anniversary lun-cheon of the Modular Society, Savoy Hotel, 12.30. The Duchess of Kent, Colonel in Chief, takes Army Catering

Chief, takes Army Catering Corps passing-out parade, Aldershot, 10.30.

St Margaret's Historical Society:
Mr Max Hehditch speaks on "The New Museum of Londoo". St Margaret Pattens, Eastcheap, 1.10.

The Poetry Society: "A Reading for Christmas", 21 Earls Court Square, 7.30.

Latest wills

Mrs Jessie Winifred Eldridge, of Goring by Sea, left £58,483 net (dnty paid £7,358). She left £10,000 to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, and other specific hequests. Other estates include (net, before Other estates include (net, before duty paid; further duty may be payable on some estates); Bedford, Jacqueline Sylvia, of Market Staintoo, Lincolnshire (duty paid, £12,150) ... £74,304 Channing, Mr James Culleo, of Coventry (duty paid, £11,915) £87.845

Hurst, Mr Frederick Williams, of North Kelsey Moor, Humberside (duty paid, £621) . . £72,894 Smith, Mr Cyril James, the planist, of East Sheen, London (no dnty shown) ... £19,110

Watson, Mr John Herbert, of
Priors Marston, Warwickshire
(dury paid, £1,400) ... £79,406 . £19,110

Farrer, Lady, of King Sterndale, Derbyshire, widow of the third baron (duty paid, £33,391) £94,620

and nations," Other new saints included the Blessed Obver Plunkett, a Primate of Ireland who was hanged, drawn and quartered near Londoo in 1681, two Spaniards, a Spanishborn Peruvian and an Italian missionary who served and died in sionary who served and died in

The dates for their canonizations were spread through the 1975 Holy Year, a period of pilgrimage and prayer that the Pope will open on Christmas Eve by tapping a bricked-up door of St Perer's Bastica with a hammer.

The Pope said it was customary to have several canonizations in Holy Year "so believers may be more effectively incited to a Christian renovation of their way of life by the examples of the saints.

and nations."

The first canonization was set for May 25 for the Blessed Juan Bantista de la Concepción, the eighteenth century founder of the Reformed Brothers of the Holy Irinity, and Viocencia Maria López Vicuna, who founded the Daughters of Mary Immaculate. Both were Spaniards.

The proclamation of sainthood for Blessed Juan Macias, a Spanish. for Blessed Juan Macias, a Spanish-born Dominican friar in seven-

teenth century Peru, was set for September 28, that of Archbishop Plunkett for October 12 and that of Ginstino de Jacobis, an Italian missionary in Ethiopia, for Octo-

The Pope also appointed Cardinal Franjo Seper of Yugoslavia to succeed the late Cardinal Ildebrando Antoniutti as chamberlain National Dock Labour Board

The chairman and members of the National Dock Labour Board

National Dock Labour Board

The original Latin text of the Saints.

The origin

Make art budget Highlands board plans to 'nationalize' an island

Megotiations are well advanced for the "nationalization" of the island of Eigg, with a population of 40, off the west coast of Scotland. If the offer by the Highlands and Islands Development Board, believed to be about £250,000, is accepted, the 7,500 acres of pasture and moorland will

acres of pasture and moorland will become a focal point for social surgery by the board.

Eigg was bought about three years ago for £89,000 by the Anglyn Trust, which had ambitious plans to open an adventure centre for handicapped boys on the island. A school in Sussex owned by the trust was closed after the Department of Education had ordered local sutherities not to seed children. authorities not to send children there.

The difficulties facing the trust

The difficulties facing the trust ran all the way down the line to Eigg. Other projects for reviving the island included a leisure centre and light industry. Since they were the type of projects the Highlands board had a direct interest in fostering, the trust applied for financial help. After investigation, the board rejected the application.

It clearly now regards its bid to buy the island as a rescue operation for the island as a rescue operation for the island's small community. But the board also believes that Eigg has good potential as a boliday centre. If the deal goes through, the island will represent the board's biggest single investment.

As Lundbord and development

investment.

As landlord and development authority it would be in a position of self-assistance and it is likely to encourage fishing from Figg and ensure that the good pasture social surgery.

on the island is properly farmed. Ir would encourage the return of young people to offset the largely derly population.

When Eigs came onto the mar-

When Eigs came onto the market, Mr Ross, Secretary of State for Scotland, anthorised the Highlands board to bid for the island. On Raasay, an island near Skye, another controversial landlord has attracted the Highlands hoard into the land market. Dr John Green, of Cooden, Sussex, bought 250 acres of the island about 12 years ago. The deal with the Scotlish Department of Agriculture and Fisheries also included Raasay House, once a magnificent building with a famous view of the Inner Hebrides. The view remains but the house has suffered severely from neglect.

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hut the house has suffered severely from neglect.

What has most irritated the islanders and Inverness County Council is Dr Green's strong opposition to having a car ferry terminal hult on his land. The ferry, they believe, would help the island to generate more work and a stronger community.

The board has been criticized for not using compulsory purchase powers to secure the terminal. But already that has heen shown to he no easy solntion for a compulsory purchase order by the county council approved by the Secretary of State for Scotland is wandering into further litigation because Dr Green has appealed against it.

The Highlands board is negotiating with Dr Green to buy his bolding on Rasasy, including mineral rights so that it can begin another case of West Highland social surgery.

Not Forgotten' Association

The Dochess of Kent, patron of the "Not Forgotten" Association, cot the Christmas cake at the annual Christmas party of the association held at the Royal Riding School, Buckingham Palace, for disabled ex-Service men and women yesterday. Mr Alex Ionas Parliamentary day. Mr Alec Jones, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Depart-ment of Health and Social Security, addressed the company. A concert, arranged by Miss Anona Winn, was given during the afternoon. Those taking part included Mr Frankie Howerd, Lulu, Mr Patrick Moore, Mr Michael Flanders and Mr Donald Swann.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments loclude: Mr G. Thirlwall, a planning and transport consultant, and Mr J. Cadow, e former under secretary Cadow, e former under-secretary with the Department of the En-tronment, to study the measure-ment and analysis of the environ-mental impact of development proposals.

The Rev Dr Kenneth Slack, Minister of the City Temple, Holborn Viaduct, to be director of Christian Aid. Mr Martin Bax, Boots area nanager for Eastern Europe, to be associate director. Mr Raymond V. Coleman to be director of the National Child-birth Trust.

New recorders

The Queen is to appoint the fol-lowing recorders under the Courts ACT:
Mr B. H. Anns. OC. Mr B. Barker.
Mr B. M. Cowley. QC. Mr P. J.
Crawford. Mr R. H. Gurlis, Mr I. T. R.
Davidson. Mr O. T. Edwards. Mr
R. L. A. Golf. QG. Mr J. K. Gore.
Mr R. C. A. Goslins. Mr A. W.
Hamilton. QC. Mr G. M. Hamilton.
Mr R. G. Hamilton. Mr A. G. W.
Hordern. Mr G. W. Humphries. Mr
N. F. Irvine. QC. Mr R. B. Laurishr
N. F. Irvine. QC. Mr R. B. Laurishr
Mr F. M. Potter. Mr S. A. Stamler.
QC. Mr C. S. Siogrt-While. Mr P. J. M.
Thomas. QG. Mr S. B. Thomas. Mr
M. Z. Ward. Mr G. B. G. P. Waud.
Mr P. Weitzman. QC.

Catholic bishop named

The Right Rev Hugh Lindsay, aged 47, is to be Roman Catholic Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, the Pope amounced in Rome yesterday. He is president of the Laity Commission; a vice-president of the Mass Media Commission; and chairman of the Catholic Inform-ation Office.

British music award Mr Francis Routh, artistic director

of the Redcliffe Concerts of British Music, is to be presented with an award on Saturday by the British Guild of Composers for services to British music. The society is the only one whose express purpose is the performance of works by British composers.

OBITUARY

MR ROLF LEFEBVRE A voice known to millions

many films of the late forti

and early fifties, including leading part in the film Cou

Five and Die.
About this time he work

frequently in radio and through that medium truly discover-

himself as an actor. With the discovery and also for reaso-

not everybody could understand hur which all his friends had accept, he decided to appear more in the visual media.

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many performances over may

years gave pleasure and e

lightenment to millions of l

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Towards his art he had t

very proper pride of the pr fessional. A man of great pe

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MRS HANA BENESOVA

He was not a flexible acm

A correspondent writes:

Rolf Lefebvre, who died on Monday, was one of the best of those actors who, most regularly, give their performances on radio. Of that group he was certainly the best loved. And 'love" is the correct word, for others responded to him in measure with what he gave. To say that he was overgenerous is not to say enough. He gave excessively both from himself and of himself.

Born in 1916 in South-West. Africa of an old Channel Islands family and educated in Johannesburg, he came to Britain, aged 17, to study at RADA. After leaving the academy he pursued his acting career in this country, not returning to his native land until 1940. Once home he soon achieved recognition as an actor and as a radio With SABC he had his own

radio show, In Town With Rolf. In 1943 he joined the Marda Vanne/Gwen Frangcon-Davies Company and played many suc-cessful leading roles with them, most notably Rakitin in Month in the Country.

In 1946 he returned to Eng-land and joined the Bristol Old Vic Company, for which he gave many memorable performances. Subsequently he appeared in

Mrs Hana Benesova, widow Geneva and during his 17 year of the former President of the Czechoslovak Republic, has

died, as already reported briefly in The Times.

As a child, she lost her mother and her father, a minor railway official, and was brought up by an aunt who watched over her education and allowed her to go to Paris as a University student. In Paris, Hana Vlckova met Eduard Benes, a student about two years ber semor, who bad transferred from Prague University with the warm approval of his professor, Thomas Masaryk. The period of engagement was brief, and back in Prague the young couple worked as political partners; both longed for the overthrow of the Habsburg system and the full auronomy, if not the independence of the Czech

lands. Two small events shortly be-fore Sarajevo may have helped to change the course of history. Benes hroke his leg while play-ing football, and the aunt left her niece a modest fortuoe. The brokeo leg saved Benes from an immediate call-up to July 1914; his wife's legacy enabled him to give his own savings of about £300 to Thomas Masaryk, and with that slender sum the campaign for Czech freedom was launched. A year later Benes had set up his head-quarters in a fifth floor room in Paris, and his wife was in a Habshurg prison. They did not meet again until November

Mrs Benesova stayed with her husband in Paris throughout the a request to go to Switzerland Peace Conference of 1919. She for an eye operation was

went with him on many visits to refused.

as Foreign Mioister she eate tained with simple dignity i the Czernin Palace in Pragu With the aged Masaryk's retirment at the end of 1935, shecame the first lady of the land, but she wished her preducessor, Dr. Alice Masaryk, a retain her leadership of the Czechoslovak Red Cross as we as many other during as many other duties. When Munich brought Bene

a second exile his wife was a his side in Putney, Chicago Paris and again in London. H was still ber first care, but sh sbe curtailed social dunes in this country, she alway attended the Czechoslovak Ir dependence Day service in S

The return to the Hradcau Castle was beset with difficulties, and in the summer of 1947

MR DAVE CROWLEY

London on Wednesday night at

the age of 64. He collapsed in the West Eod. Crowley woo the lightweight title in 1938, hut held it for only six mooths before losing it to Eric Boon, then only 18, who stopped him in 13 rounds. A year later Crowley attempted to win back the crown from

including six world champions, and in 1936 met Mike Belloise in New York, for the world featherweight championship, losing in nine rounds.

years ran a popular bar in Rome. Later he returned to Britain, after suffering a heart

GROUP CAPTAIN

BURLING Air Vice-Marshal R. W. G.

regret the death at the age of 85 of Group Captain E. J. P. Burling, DSC, DFC, AFC (Retd). He was known to most of his friends "Admiral" because of steadfast connexion with the

his home in the Isles of Scilly

on November 26.

He began his very distinguished caraer as an airman with the RNAS and RAF io the tions and mention in dispatches. He was later awarded the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal an airman from drowning" in

He was the first pilot to be carapulted from a ship at sea, flying a Fairey III off HMS Vindictive on October 30, 1925. Seaplanes and flying boats coninued to figure prominently in his career between the wars. While serving in the Marioe Aircraft Experimental Establishment he helped to train RAF pilots who competed io

Boat Squadrons and RAF bases Mountbatten and Felixstowe. He retired in 1946 after com-manding RAF Calshot for most of the Second World War and heing further mentiooed in dispatches.

and organist. However, it was the combloation of flying and the sea which notably in Singa-pore brought him some of his greatest moments; his "Burling Pram" design provided io return a dinghy in which many of today's helmsmen safely tonk their first 'steps".

died at the age of 90.

understood the frustrations an bewilderment of exile, and sh gave strong support to Czec and Slovak women who foun their way to London. Thoug

anxiety and overwork gavi Beoes a slight stroke. Mr. Benesova insisted that he mus remain at his country house it Sezimovo Usti. She paid almos her last visit to Prague as the President's wife when she broke to Dr Alice Masarth the new that her brother, Jaa, had beer found dead beneath the window of his flat in the Czerni Palace. Six mooths later, it September, 1948, Benes diet and his widow was given a sub stantial pension. The Cottwale Government took care that shi did not leave the country, and

Dave Crowley, former British lightweight champion, and one of the most stylish boxers to appear in a professional ring between the wars, died in New York, for the world for Works or Wednesday and in 1936 met Mike Belloise in New York, for the world for world in New York, for the world for the world in New York, for the world for world for the world in New York, for the world for world for the world for world for the world for world for the world for world for world for the world for the world for the world for world for the worl

After service with the RAF, during the war, Crowley had a few more contests but retired with eye trouble. He became a film stuntman, and for 22

Boon, but was again stopped,

Freer writes: Many will bave noted with yacht club he founded wheo commanding RAF Seletar in Singapore in 1934. He died at

First World War, winning the French Croix de Goerre io addition to his British decorafor "gallant conduct in rescuing

the Schneider Trophy races. Among his many flying commands were 205 and 209 Flying

A man of many parts, Burling was a Cambridge soccer blue, fenced for the RAF and was an accomplished planist

Sir Charles Law, who had been Chief Justice of Zanzibar and of Northern Rhodesia, has

MR JOHN BOYD H.K. writes: John A. Boyd, who died on December 6 at the age of 77, was born, bred and lived all his life

in Toronto, but had a wide circle of friends in this country and countless friends from coast to coast in Canada. A man of the highest integrity with a delightful sense of bumour, be was agreat mixer, equally at home with the Governor-General of with the newsboy outside the Commerce huilding. He served with distinction in

France with the Caoadian Royal

Artillery during the First World

War and later was trained as a lawyer with a leading legal firm in Toronto before joining the

legal department of the National Trust Co. For almost half a cen-

tury he acted as Canadian repre-

sentative of Lazard Brothers of London, England, and has taken care of their interests in Canada. John Boyd had a shrewd business judgment backed by bis legal training which served him. and his friends well over the years. He was on the boards of several leading companies in Canada, such as Imperial Bank of Commerce, Royal Trust. English Electric of Canada, Rolls-Royce of Canada, Canadian Mar;

coni and others. His bome in Maple Avenue. Toronto, was the meeting place-of countless friends of manynationalities who were invariably welcome. His death robs Anglo-Canadian relations of one of the outstanding and quietly; unassuming personalities of our time. His loss will he deeply: felt on both sides of the Atlantic.

in London on Wedoesday, ag-63. He was a member of Kep agton Borough Council, 19-2, and was active in local Conservative politics. In 1970-71 he. was Commodore of Bembridge Sailing Club. Henry Wadsworth, the "per-perual juvenile" of stage and

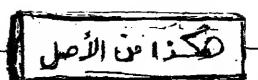
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Dan van der Vat Dec 12

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vestments in capital goods and buildings made hetween the first of this month and the end of the first half of the coming year, for goods to be delivered or installed by July 1, 1976, and buildings to be completed by July 1, 1977. Investments in saving energy will bowever have no time limits set on them to qualify for the allowance.

Tax advantages for owner-occupiers are to be extended to further case the plight of West Germany's building industry, which has suffered many bankrupicies and redundancies

this year. Investment in new small and medium-sized businesses is also to be encouraged by means of a separately financed programme worth more than DM1,000m. This money will come not from the budget but from separate reconstruction

funds The DM600m to be spent on countering unemployment is expected to produce 290,000

Employers who bire an unemployed man before May 1, 1975, in a non-temporary joh can claim 60 per cent of bis gross wage for the first six months, to be paid in advance on appointment. This measure is expected to produce 90,000 jobs. posit with the Federal Unemployed workers who find the product of a 10 per a new job by moving to a new

is to be unfrozen.

The Government's investment boost will take the form of a 7.5 per cent allowance on in-

nearly 800,000 were out of work in West Germany and another 461,000 un short-time. Both figures are expected to increase months.

But the main government measure which is likely to improve the economic untlook for next year is the rax reform plan decided on earlier this year, which is to take effect on January 1. This and the acrom-panying increases in children's allowances will put DM14,000m extra spending power into neople's pockets over the coming year, and should bave a considerable effect on the inbour

market. The Government says its main aims are to counter economic decline and to achieve in the course of next year a solid up-swing in internal demand, without accelerating the country's relatively very low rate of infla-tion, now 6.5 per cent a year.

It sees this as leading in 1975 to a real improvement on the labour market, and a real increase in production. Improving productivity is expected to allow the anti-inflation effort to pro-

gress further. Finally the Bonn government believes its internal reflation will help world economy and reduce its own balance of pay-

Minister denies move to drop petroleum tax

By Geoffrey Browning

isands of workers at
Leyland's body and
ly plants were giveo a
g yesterday that they
dunda ocy unless they coed in a drive to save £15m Rumours that the Guvernmeot was having secood revenue tax proposed in the Oil Taxation Bill were scotched by Mr Robert Sheldon, Minister of State for the Treasury, at the first meeting of the Commons committee considering the Bill yesterday.

Speculation bad arisen-Derek Whittaker, managbly division, has set the class flow and bly division, has set the class flow and jobs. He explained his my plan in a letter to all 0 workers at the Cowley Birmingham plaots.

because of a Government sions with the oil companies motion, moved by Mr Sheldon, were taking longer than exthat consideration of that part pected. of the Bill dealing with the tax be postpooed until after Christbecome available to the account will be channelled into ations were still going on with the oil companies and said that the committee should start by considering other parts of the

Bill. Mr Patrick Jenkin, Opposi-Whittaker gave a warning st strikes or sanctions defy agreements. Production spokesman on energy, asked if the Government was now beginning to recognize the targets must be met and " damaging blow to confidence "

which the petroleum revenue tax bad caused in the oil industry and if it was aware of the risk that the tax could drive companies away from the Con-tinental Shelf?"

Had the Government emirely ruled out a different structure with an excess profits tax on top of corporation tax? be

Mr Sheldoo said that discus-

Mr Jenkins: "Is the Treasury prepared to discuss with the oil companies an excess profits

Mr Sheldon said the funda-mental aim of the Bill rested on the prior-charge and field-by-field basis of computation. "Within that we are prepared to listen to anything they say."
The motion was agreed to and
the committee adjourned until

for UK steel output last month

By Peter Hill

Britain's steel output, which has been depressed throughout the year, fell further last mooth after improving slightly in Octo-

Figures issued jointly last night by the British Steel Corporation and the British Independent Steel Producers Associanion shuwed that average weekly production last month at 448,200 tonnes was 2.1 per cent lower than in the previous month and more than 18 pcr cept less than in the corresponding month of 1973.

Over the first 11 months of this year average weekly output amounted to 433,300 tonnes some 16.6 per cent less than in the same period of last year.

The dismal production figures, particularly from the British Steel Curporation where output has been affected by shortages of coal and scrap in the earlier part of the year and damaging industrial disputes, have serious implications.

The failure of the BSC to meet the buoyant demand after the end of the three-day week has led to a substantial increase in imports and produced an ad-

verse trade balance. There has been a buge surge in iron and steel imports from Japan and other sources, and because of the continuing short-age the Government is being asked to approve an extension of temporary import duty ex-emptions for a variety of iron and steel products.

The poor November output was influenced by uperational difficulties at the BSC's Corby works, where, although one re-lined blast furnace was brought back into operation, steel production continues to be severely

Industrial disputes have bad a particularly damaging effect and are likely to have cost the BSC around 800,000 tonnes in lost production this year.

The Department of Industry provided an iodication of the downturn in figures published last night for the third quarter. Consumption over the three months was 6 per ceot lower than in the previous quarter with estimated consumption, after seasonal adjustments, amount-

In the third quarter stocks fell by about 30,000 tonnes with consumers' stocks falling by 76,000 tonnes and those of mer-chants rising by abour 40,000 tonnes. Stocks held by consumers and merchants now represent 17 weeks' use.

New setback Price panel criticized on petrol rise delays

Oil companies last night accused the Price Commission of using procedural technicalities to delay petrol priecincreases. Criticisms of the Commission were made following the publication of the November list of price increase rejections and modifications.

Six of the major oil companies BP. Esso Petroleum, Gulf Oil (GB), Minbil Oil, Shell (UK t and Total Oil (GB)—are named among the large companies whose increase applications were turned down. The applications were for rises ranging between 20 per cent (Mobil) and 34 per cent (Gulf). This was the second sucressive month that both Shell and Gulf had faced rejection notices.

Last night several of the com-panies while declining to he identified were outspoken in their criticism of the Commis-sium. They claimed it was trying, by technical delays, to ensure that there was not another price rise soon after the petrol price increases which fullowed the VAT adjustment in the November Budget.

The Price Commission pointed nut in reply that the rejections bad been based on failure to comply with pre-notification procedures.

The latest list does not refer to current applications from the uil companies. These are still being processed and, because the whole increase will be loaded on petrol, are expected to push prices up by 81p a gallon early next year.

Last month the Price Cummission rejected 23 notifica-tions from large and mediumsized manufacturing and service companies. Apart from the oil groups, these included the Co-operative Wholesale Society, which had a 7.06 per cent increase on sterilized creams turned down; ICI whose 30.60 per cent application on methanol was rejected; and National Car Parks, whose bid for a 3.08 per cent increase in parking tariffs was disallowed.

In addition to the rejections, there were another 19 cases of companies which withdrew their notifications, and a further 56 companies which modified the extent of increases. Among those withdrawing were Beecham Foods, which bad Intended to raise the price of Ribena by 16.36 per cent; and Viota Foods, which withdrew an intended 7.15 per cent increase in cale and dessert

Since the beginning of Phase Three the Commission has rejected a total of 1,259 ootifications and reduced the extent of a further 781. The Commission said last night that 392 notifications were withdrawn during this period.

increase in cake and dessert

Saudi Arabia stepping up spending in UK despite sterling switch

Investment in Britain by Saudi Arabia appears to have been increasing in recent weeks, in spite of the apparent "desire" by the Saudi government not to receive further oil ruyalty payments in sterling, there is no sign of any change of investment policy. Mr Denis Healey, the Chancellor, is believed to have been given assurances on this point during his receut three

day visit to Saudi Arabia.

This will help to calm cuncern on the foreign exchange markets since reports first began 10 circulate of the phasing out of sterling fur royalty pay-ments. Fears that this would result in a reduced flow of Middle East investment into London have contributed in a sharp fall in the value of the pound in rcceni days.

The iovestment policy of the Saudi government was believed to have been discussed at considerable length during Mr Healey's visit. The Saudis made it clear that they wished to ex-pand trade and industrial cooperation with Britain in pursuit their own rapid programme uf iodustrialization and develop-

With a new five-year economic plan to be announced by Saudi Arabia next year, increased industrial cooneration could provide a major hoost in British exports.

A strong wish for closer ties in education was also believed

Healey.
A high-level committee is being set up to prepare a pro-gramme for closer cooperation in these areas and permanent machinery is envisaged to monitor progress.
Official British sources said yesterday that the Sandi govern-ment had expressed the hope

that relations between the two countries would not be affected by the reports this week that sterling would oo longer be used for the royalty hayments. The Saudis believe that what matters is the investment policy of the Saudi Arabian Munetary

Authority and not what curren-cies were received for nil The official sources also said that Saudi Arabia was in favour in principle of the praposal for a new International Monetary

Fund borrowing facility.
Saudi Arabia thus appears rube giving its backing to Mr
Healey's own idea of increasing the lending power of the IMF through a new oil facility which would be financed by the oil surnlus coomries.

Talks between Mr Healey and Saudi government officials were said to have been extremely friendly, with King Faisal setting the pattern. Mr Healey also had discussions with Mr Musa'id, the Finance Minister, and with the head of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority. The whole trend of rhesc discussions was said to reflect Saudi desires for a much closer relationship with Britain.

Bank says price curbs have gone far enough

By Tini Congdon
British industry's financial
predicament reflects "the long-term and fundamental problem" of a "Jack of profitability", but

and seem likely to persist, for

some time."
This is one of the dominant themes in an unusually out-spoken Bank of England Quarterly Bulletin published today. It is accompanied by strong criticism of price controls and warnings that future restraint of inflation will depend on holding down the rate of increase of

"Recent experience has shown', the Bulletin says, "that more cannot be expected of price coorrol: on the contrary, some domestic prices may have to rise faster to reflect more of past cost increases than bus bitherto been allowed."

Price controls are also singled out as a principal cause of the loss of profitability. The Bulletin notes that in other countries the recent rapid increase in costs bas been passed on more quickly in higher prices. However, it also acknowledges that "the financial difficulties of industry will be very sub-stantially eased by the tax relief

announced in the Budget and

the proposed relaxatious of the Price Code ". Companies have been obliged to cut down on expenditure to keep themselves supplied with

its most immediate cause bas been inflation and a failure to adopt appropriate accounting practices.

"The elements of the situation have both been building up, and seem likely to persist, for

lo an apparent reference to the Government's professed determination to maintain employment, the Bulletin says that these consequences would have been possible "despite the con-tinuance of high employment

Although the Budget will have removed this kind of danger" it nevertheless remains vital for the Government to give priority to curbing inflation. Without a reduction in the rate of ioflation, "it is doubtful whether a satisfactory pattern of expansion can be achieved" because it becomes extremely difficult fur industry to plao its investment far into the

The Eank also emphasizes the dependence of the United Kingdom's cconomic performance on world conditions. It is reasonable to expect at some stage more expansionary policies to be followed in other coun-tries. There must be room in the United Kingdom economy take advantage of the scope for higher exports

Distillers cutting back whisky production

By Authony Rowley

Distillers Company is to reduce its level of Scotch whisky distillation in 1975. The group-has been unable to raise "sub-statutial long-term funds" to finance investments in buildings, plant and additional Scotch whisky stocks.

"We are not prepared to use "We are not prepared to use short-term mooey at very high interest rates for loog-term schemes", a spokesman said yesterday. "We wanted substantial long-term foods but the City has not been able to provide them."

Distillers stressed, buwever, hat it has ample stocks to meet projected home and overscas deciand. "We expect to sell-mure next year, but we are going to make less because we have ample stocks", the spokes-

Distillers' whisky brands include Black & Wbite, Wbite Horse, Johnnie Walker, Haig, Dewars and VAT 69.

Dewars and VAT 69.

The spokesman said the cuthack in 1975 production wouldnot mean a shortage of whisky,
in future years—whisky is,
normally matured for several
years before sale—unless the
cutback bad to be extended beyood 1975, and then it would
depend upon demand. Mean
while, Distillers is still seeking,
suitable sources of finance for
stock huilding.

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There were no plans for dundancies as a result of the cutback, which would save Distillers money in replacing stocks at a time of high grain, energy and warehousing costs. The extent of the cuthack was not revealed.

Distillers yesterday announced pre-tax profits of 144.1m for the six months up to September 30—an increase of 17 per cent on the corresponding period of last year. Sales increased by 211 per ceot to £292m in the same period. This was for all the group's products, including gin. group's products, including gin, vodka and Pimm's as well as whisky.

Scotch whisky and gin sales were "buoyant" during the period, with particularly large shipments to the United States. In advance of the threateoed, dock strike there, Distillers said. However, while export profits, are expected to rise this year, those in the United Kingdom are likely to suffer through price cootrols, and overall profits this year will be about the same as for last year.

Last week Distillers an nouoced that it bad notified the Price Commission of increases which it intends to make in the price of whisky, gin and vodka from January 1. Per case, the net amounts are 80p for Scotch. 40p for gin and 52p for vodka. Distillers also said vesterday that since the end of the first-balf of this financial year deliveries bad been restricted by industrial action in its own plants and elsewhere, as well as by a shortage of bottles and other packaging materials. nther packaging materials. These problems had restricted

port price increases made earlier this year. Distillers shares fell 8]p to 63p on the Stock Exchange vesterday. Financial Editor, page 13

the benefit obtained from ex-

Diary

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in the Norib Sea, an official said today. Mr Per Kleppe, Fioance Min-

to present a new proposal for taxation of oil earnings. Although the government did not announce the new tax measures, unofficially it was learnt that the finance ministry bad softened its first proposal made

r licence from A. & P. is is in contrast to the ral lack of contracting ity. Yesterday, the Japan Exporters Association taxes of up to 90 per cent on oil production earnings, 80 per Exporters Association unced that last month its cent higher than the 50.8 per cent tax now in effect.—AP-Dow bers received orders for 15 ships compared with 40 racts secured io the same Tones. th last year.

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Norway modifies proposed levy on offshore earnings

Oslo, Dec 12.—Norway bas modified its tax increase pro-

ister, was scheduled to meet oil company representatives today a week ago, when it called for

Clash over level of N Sea tax

A 40 per cent Petroleum Revenue Tax rate would make most North Sea oilfields with reserves of less than 500 million harrels uneconomic, at a price of \$12 a barrel, Mr E. E. Monteith, president of the International Energy Bank, said

yesterday.
Six out of the 20 largest discoveries made in the North Sea are in this category, including the Argyll; Auk and Montrose

fields.

A differing view came from Mr J. D. Dewburst, assistant managing director of Burman He told a conference organized by the Financial Times that good fields in the North Sea might be able to exist on a 45 per cent revenue tax. But be added that the 65 per cent upper limit tentatively suggested by the Government would kill all investment.

Yamani pledge to peg oil price

Saudi Arabia will not io-crease the price of its oil even if OPEC decides on another general round of price rises. Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, Saudi Arabia's oil minister said

vesterday. The start of a general OPEC coofcrence on pricing was de-layed because of the late arrival of Shaikh Yamani. A spokesman said discussions on prices could not proceed with out a representative from Saudi Arabia. The discussions are scheduled to continue today.

Another reprieve for oil company profits as Senate kills latest Bill

From Frank Vogl Washington, Dec 12

American oil companies bave been saved again from the pros-pect of \$2,000m (about £870m) year increases in tax. A pending of the oil deple-tion allowance on January was

killed by a 9-4 vote in the rules committee of the Senate. Covering several tax areas including cuts for low income groups, it was defeated hecause Senators thought that with only 10 days left in the present legislative session, there was no chance that the Bill could have heen

The ways and means commit-tee of the House of representa-tives has been working on the Bill for more than a year. Can-cellation of the oil depletion allowance has gained strong popular support bacause oil amendments to it, and the pros-company earnings have advan pects of the Bill even passing popular support bacause oil

ced sensationally in the past 12 in its present form are not very bright.

Next year, the Bill will almost certainly he reintroduced, but as so often in the past, the powerful oil interests will again be lobbying for a reprieve. The tax Bill also included clauses that would have iu-

creased tax deductible depteciation allowances for power companies to 7 per cent from 4 per cent, and which would have imposed a windfall profits tax on the oil companies. This profits tax would in large

measure have been offset by rax allowances for investment io energy exploration. There is still a remore chance that some parts of the tax Bill will he salvaged by amendments to the pending Trade Reform Bill. Efforts are heing made in the Senate to block all new

Mr Al Ullman, a Democratic representative from Oregon, who is likely to be chairman of the ways and means committee in the new Congress, said he was doubtful if quick action on a tax Bill was possible next year.

But today's reprieve for the oil companies may in the long run prove to have been a costly error, as the ways and means committee through reorganiza tion appears to be turning into tax Bill may prove a lot on oil company profits.

All the same, today's defeat represents the thirteenth unsucrepresents the thirteenth distinctions the 22 per cent oil depletion allowance. The first failure was in 1951 after President Truman had sought in late 1950 to end this special tax allowance for oil commanies.

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US prices pointer to lower inflation

Christmas pay at risk

in Swan Hunter yards

Washington, Dec 12

Some slowing in the United States rate of inflation was indicated today with the publication of the wholesale price index for November, which showed a gain, on a seasonally adjusted basis, of 1.2 per cent, after a rise of 2.5 per cent in

The hureau of Labour Statistics noted that the unadjusted index was now 23.3 per ceot up on 12 mooths ago at 171.9 (1967-100). More significant, however, the compound annual rate of increase on a seasonally adjusted basis from three months ago is now just 16.1 per cent, compared with 28.7 per cent last month and 35.2 per cent in September.

This coofirms Ford's statement to the Business Council last night that early signals now suggested some

120 jobs go

in Mintex

output cuts

By Our Northern Industrial

motor car industry has caused 120 redundancies at Mintex, the wholly-owned subsidiary of the

Cleckheaton-based BBA group.

Mr Desmond Pillinger, manag-

ing director of Mintex, said the

problems facing the country for

recession in the motor industry

adversely affected demand for

the company's products. Factory output had been adjusted

Mr Pillinger said: "Arising from this it became apparent

(those not directly concerned

with production; was no longer

in proportion to the new level

of activity, and steps were taken

to restrict recruitment and

reduce overtime working. These

but are in themselves insufficient to meet our

Contracts for the Post Office

tn provide telecommunication services for North Sea oil and

gas production platforms have

been signed by the Total, Mohil and Occidental groups of com-

Announcing this yesterday, the Post Office said that it was

spending up to £8m on shore stations near Peterbead and in

south Shetland for new multi-

channel microwave radio links. doing better.

North Sea PO links

measures have had some effect

at the indirect work force

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requirements.

Announcing the redundancies,

rate from now on.

Mr Roy Ash, director of the Office of Management and third quarter. Eudget, forecast at a senate budget committee meeting today that the initation rate in 12 months could be even as low as 7 per cent. He said it was realistic to expect inflation by the end of next year to be in ahly he down hy about 1 per the 7 to 9 per cent range, but cent on 1974, with the gap in he gave warning that real gross national product was likely to go on slipping over the next a whole. few quarters, although an upturn in the economy was prob-

able after mid-year. This forecast is closely in line with one released today by the Business Council, which comprises some 150 chairmen of major American companies. The council suggested that the consumer price index would be rising at an annual rate of around

There will be no Christmas

pay packet for more than 5,000

employees of Swan Hunter Ship-

The company last night laid

off a further 428 men bringing

total lay-offs to 4,863. This

means that together with the

striking electricians well over

half of the 10,000 labour force

Swan Hunter's management is

and as lay-offs mount the ibreat

of complete closure increases.

a source of some puzzlement to

the management whose usual

experience is that as Christmas

approaches greater efforts are

The dispute is over a claim by

electricians for a hasic rate of

Midland businessmen vester-

employee protertion proposals

and gave warning of a general

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This emerged from the meet-

iog of the CBI West Midlands

Regional Council, which Group Captain J. P. Cecil-Wright, the

most gloomy I have attended

He said council memhers

were reporting a decrease of

up to 30 per ceot in orders, although capital industries, such as drop forgings, were

chairman, described as

in eight or nine years".

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March crisis

next March.

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pany's five yards is resolved.

Falling demand for brake and clutch linings and disc brake incless a pay dispute involving pads caused by inactivity in the 600 electricians at the com-

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would have run its course by mid-1975 or at the latest by the

Unemployment was likely to reach 6.8 per cent to 7 per cent in the second and third quarters nf next year and the couocil forceasts that for 1975 as a whole real gnp would probcurrent dollars showing an 8 per cent rise for the year as

Industrial production is forecast as declining for much of the coming year, but moving up gradually in the latter half, with the council forecasting it to he in line with final 1974 quarter levels by the fourth

quarter. The detailed wholesale price figures show a marked slowing on the food side and a con-

offered £46 with fortnightly in-

creases of 15p reaching the £50

figure by the end of next year.

The electricians, who imposed work sanctions to back their

claim, were given the alterna-

tive of working normally, or being removed from the payroll. The mee walked out claiming a

lockout. The management say

they will welcome the men's

This situation has been aggra-

valed by other trades in the

vards imposing working restric-

tions in support of a similar

claim for a £50 basic rate to

hring them into line with their

opposite numbers in the

nationalized Court Builders ship-

yard on the Wear, 12 miles

vessels on order worth nearly

waterway grant

Commercial traffic operations

along one of Britain's most

potentially profitable waterways

could disappear completely

within the next eight years

unless the Government provided

financial assistance, the British

Waterways Board stated yester-

The hoard wants the Govern-

ment to provide a grant of

£3.2m to support the widening and improvement of the Sbef-

field and South Yorksbire Navi-

gation, in line with a scheme approved by Parliament earlier

awav.

Midland fears of | Sheffield plea for

The company has 50

return if they resume normal pre-dispute working to allow

negotiations to continue.

weakening in inflation pressures. The President forecast a of next year, and the current trial commodities. The wholesteady decline in the inflation downward trend of the economy sale food price index for Norember rose on an adjusted basis by 2.5 jer cent, after rising by 5.1 per cent in October-

President Ford said in a speech to the Business Council last oight that be would not be diverting policies to any great degree from the fight against ioflation, to countering a re-recession. However, Mr Ash said in testimooy this morning the Administration was now moving nearer a more reflationary stanse.

Mr Ash stated that if the downturn in the economy produced lower tax revenues the Administration would not insist on dollar-for-dollar spending cuts to halance the budget.

The Administration was now working on budget revisions with an special view to dealing with the rising unemployment.

Bilbao court orders Sofico sale

From Harry Dehelius Madrid, Dec 12

A court in the oorthern city of Bilhao today ordered the sale at public auction of furniture in the offices of Sofico Renta to satisfy creditors' claims. How-ever, legal sources said here the auction might be delayed pending a decision from a Madrid court, which is studying a request from the Sofico group 10 declare a moratorium on payments.

Until its recent financial problems, Sofico was Spain's biggest lourist apartment development enterprise.

The four principal companies of the group—Sofico Inver-siones, Sofico Renta, Sofico Vacaciones and Sofico Servicios Turisticos-have now asked for suspension of payments, which is one step short of bankruptcy proceedings.

Sources close to Sofico claimed here that the four major companies have assets totalliog £115m and dehts of

Rural landowners fight Rural landowners stated yes-

terday that they were preparing a series of protests over the Finance Bill, as they consider the proposed wealth and capital transfer taxes would squeeze them so much that management and appearance of the country-

side would rapidly deteriorate.
Mr John Cripps, chairman of
the Countryside Commission, in a letter to the Chancellor, called on him to announce a programme of "additional resources to be made available for landscape maintenance and

Colour TV deliveries down 16pc in October

Deliveries of colour television sets (both British made and imported) to United Kingdom distributors in October totalled 226,000, a 16 per cent decrease compared with October, 1973, the British Radio Equipment Manufacturers' Association said

yesterday.

For the first 10 months of the ear the total, at 1,864,000, represents a drop of 18 per cent from the corresponding period of 1973. In this period the share of imported sets fell from 25 per cent to 20 per cent.
Total black-and-white tele-

vision deliveries for October of 86,000 brought the total for the first 10 months of the year to 697,000, a fall of 43 per cent compared with January-October,

25 pc decline in gold wares hallmarked

Weight of all the gold wares hallmarked at the London Assay
Office during November
dropped by precisely 25 per
cent compared with the same month of last year to a total of 2.082,332 grams. The number of wares assayed and tested fell even more sharply by 31.6 per cent to 401,035 articles.

Eighteen carat gold (generally used for quality jewelry) re-corded a modest gain of 3.3 per cent over last year to a mral weight of 367,107 grams, while the weight of 9 carat gold (normally used for the more popumass-produced jewellery) declined by 29.9 per cent to

Carpet exports up

Britain's carpet exports over the first nine months of this year increased by 36 per cent in volume terms compared with the coresponding period of last year, according to figures issued yesterday by the British Carpets Export Association. The value of exports over the nine months increased by 57 per cent to £63.8m. compared with a total of £62.5m for the whole of 1973.

Africa freight dearer

Freight rates between Britain and West Africa are to go up by 25 per cent in March, the United Kingdom/West Africa Lines (UKWAL) announce to-day. Cost had risen by 26 per cent southbound and 35 per cent northbound.

More French jobless

French unemployment rose to a postwar record in November with the number of job-seekers increasing on a provisional basis to 689,200 from 630,000 in October. This was 51.3 per cent above November last year, according to figures announced in Paris yesterday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

a liability on the same side of

the halance sheet as deposits

Obviously what is wanted "to

meet sbort-term requirements"

is a short term asset, a debit

balance. It does no good at all

The true function of capital

in a hank is firstly to finance those assets which cannot be

prudeoily funded by customers'

deposits (that is where the

connexion with liquidity comes

in), and secondly, to provide a

huffer against losses on the

asset side (otherwise deposits

would have to he written off to

match bad debts written off-ie

an insolvency situation arising from a different cause than a

To som up, capital and liquidity are two separate

though connected issues. Capital

does not serve, oever bas and never could, to meet a run on

deposits; it is designed for a

formula will suffice to cover

these two distinct aspects of

It follows that no single

different kind of crisis.

run on deposits).

hank safety.

E. C. CADE

Yours faithfully,

Classical error of analysis on banking "only that part of the capital which is available as a reserve

requirements "

themselves.

ratios.

Mr A. M. Jablonowski

Sir, Christopher Wilkins' very interesting article on December 6 has taken forward the debate on the stability of the hanking system, but unfortunately perpetuates one classic error of analysis.

In the context of the secon-

dary banks, Mr Wilkins would have us believe that once confidence in a hank has waned and withdrawal of deposits bas begun in earnest nothing short of 100 per cent of capital—and that fairly liquid will suffice to save the bank to mix up the concepts of and enable it to meet all the capital needs and liquidity and enable it to meet all the demands made upon it by depositors".

The fallacy in this contention can be illustrated by the following hypothetical bank balance sheet.

Liabilities E Assets Z
Capital 2 Fixed Assets S
Public Deposits 100 Cash 100 108 108

It is clear in this example that a total run on deposits can be met from cash, and that neither capital nor the assets in which it is invested are touched by the crisis.

Even if one imagined a balance sheet in which capital was totally invested in cash and deposits were used to fund illiquid assets, any payout of depositors would not affect capital: cash would disappear from the assets side of the balance sheet and there would be an equal reduction in deposits on the liabilities side. In this situation one would

he looking to the illiquid loans for any further repayment of deposits; capital would he of no avail.

Mr Wilkins' confusion seems to arise from a disregard of the double-entry book-keeping sys-

tem. Thus Mr Wilkins suggests that "only that part of the capital which is available to meet short-term requirements should be taken into account". What he should have said is:

A. M. JABLONOWSKI, 68 Havers Lane, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordsbire. December 8. From the Hon Thomas Stonor

Sir, I am sure that senior executives of banks incorporated in and/or beadquartered in this country will have been very interested in Mr Christopher Wilkins's excellent article,

hanking strength ": against losses on the asset side

Since it is almost certain t should be taken into account" all sectors of the banking dustry are endeavouring to (quite a different proposition). vise more meaningful and l Capital is not the sort of iog measurements of cao animal that can be made adequacy, public discussion available to meet short term the subject is to be welcom drawals) : it is a credit balance,

The system, already well u hy some American banks : others, of allocating capital each risk asset held by a bi wheo combined with the t new tests so ally suggested Mr Vojta of First National (Bank (if such a combination possible) has the distinct me of ensuring that a hank's capi deposit ratio will he largely fluenced by the quality assets carried by the bank well as by the individual bar management record.

Mr Wilkins, however, poi out that without a wb lu hank balance sheets, analy will be denied the data nee sary to assess cap adequacy". I doubt when any form of balance sheet co provide sufficient data, on own, for the analyst, investor

Rather than expect these cling to what is left them, be ever onsatisfactors they n think it, I hope that all the ioterested in the subject capital adequacy will seriou consider adopting the tereferred to above, and consu the creation of some form: banking inspectorate whe could provide independent in ment on what otherwise mit he considered to be a subject

Such an inspectorate con presumably be provided by a Bank of England and won therefore of course be respect by the financial community. Yours faithfully, THOMAS STONOR Alston Court, Nayland,

December 9

British-built sugar beet harvesters

From Mr Roger Wilding Sir. I was amazed to read in Business Diary, December 6,

that: "In a timely piece of promotion, Ransomes is showing what it says is the first sugar beet harvester to be designed and built by a British com-

As the editor, and subsequently proprietor, of the then agricultural engineering trade paper in this country (Imple-ment & Machinery Review, later Farm Implement & Machinery Review), I was given an exclusive demonstration round about 1930 of a sugar beet harvester invented by Colonel William Cook and made by his firm, William Cook, Ltd, of Yaxley,

Peterborough—obviously a com-pletely British designed and

manufactured machine.
Although several of the machines were exported to Russia, it was not a commercial success and went off the market. This was followed soon afterwards by another entirely British machine manufactured

by Catchpole Engineering, of Stanton, Bury St Edmunds. Later, in the early 1950s, Mr Peter Standen, of Ely, invented, and his family firm of F. A. Standen & Sons produced a sugar beet harvester which won world-wide sales and renown-another exclusive British project, styled the "Peter Stan-

This was followed soon after- December 7.

wards hy the "Salmon" sug heet harvester, invented by t tels, near Dunmow, Essi Another completely Briti Another completely effort, which won ao intnational reputation.

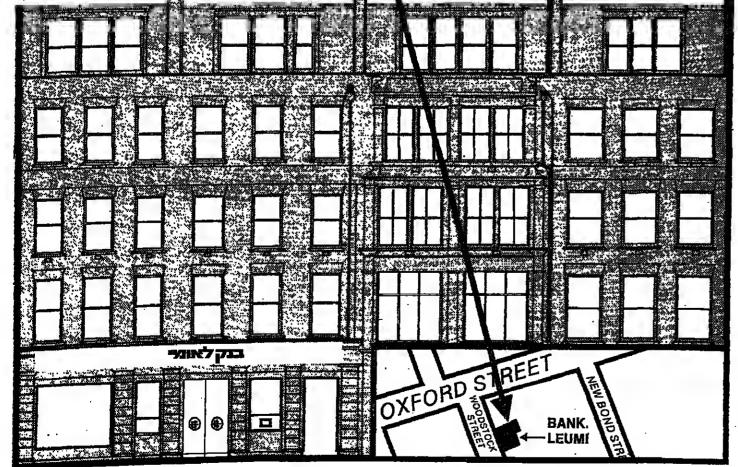
Subsequently, both these ventors produced complete self-propelled sugar beet hi vesters, which topped, lifted at cleaned the beet, and deliver into a trailer running alongsior at the headland. Yours faitbfully,

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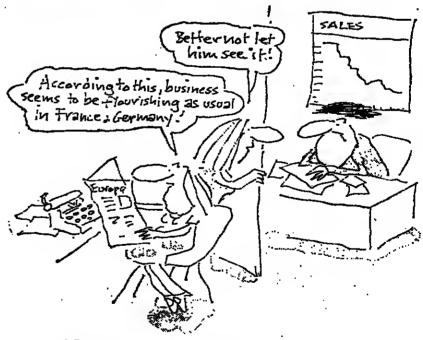
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Implications of Distillers' projected cutbacks

lers was one of the weak s yesterday in a fairly FT Index, reflecting both market's disappointment the interim profits toreasons hebind the pro-cutback in 1975 whisky lation. The assurance that roup has ample stocks to projected demand hardly any reassurance oo this

s true of course that stockis much more costly c light of present grain, y and warehousing costs, that long-term finance r fire or 10 years in Dis-Even so it is obtainable price and in the case of e chip the terms should lanvely favourable. More Distillers' halance sheet ardly overgeared last year te the depletion to

inference that some aoa re placing upoo Distillers' is that it anticipates e ing of demand in North ica and possibly elsewhere as Austrelian demand heady been curbed by the iocrease in duties there, all that, of course, would to justify Distillers'; who say that the combas heen too conservative

whisky price rises over-while the hoom lasted. d, the 1974 export price ses heve alreedy been eroded by rising costs and riel disputes. t how effective the prorise in Distillers United om spirit prices next ry will prove obviously ds on the coordinance of it demand levels. The

act that Distillers can seek i Kingdom rises now when to roll back prices earlier tes just how much home as have deteriorated in tha f price controls and cost non. And the fact that I profits in the first balf ahead by only a modest rtion compared with the se in industry exports of v indicates just how grim me profit situation really ile the forecast of main-profits this year—imply-fall in the second half to further erosion. At he shares are leaning on per cent prospective

n: 1974-75 (1973-74) dization £228m £292m (£240m) x profits £44.1m (£37.6m) and gross 3p (2.87p)

—Comm

pport

anters . that they actually say. Only is the secondary bank mentioned, once to point that a better understand-of the difficulties and besses has emerged and to touch on the hurdens ed oo executive time.

at least one now has some
of how the other clearing
are likely to tackle the ic in due course, and the let in due course, and the lets it provides are discong. NatComm has provided (£4.8m after tax relief) st advances over and above

ormal bad debt provision, that amount is strictly cable to Williams & Glyn's, in no way relates to dary hank support opera-These, we know, have based on the size of sits held by a hank and, n NatComm, Royal Bank cotland's deposits account 5 per cent. So if Williams yn's bad bad to make prois on this score, Royal d almost certainly bava had



chairmen of Associated Television: nominal reduction in interim dividend.

Overall, the group bas some per cent of total clearing bank deposits, so in the context of a £1,300m support operation, NatComm is presumably in for between £70m and £80m. On all tbe assumptions one makes about the frioge banks-that in many cases lending policies were extremely reckless, that they poured money into prime property which is now 25-50 per cent down on peak values and secondary properties which remain very lergely unsalable— it is bard to see how et least a part of this is not at risk.
But NatComm believes that

its normal formula for providing against had debts which entails avaraging the pravious four years experience, suffices to cover its exposure. One must expect the other clearers to take the same view, although with only 4.9 per cent of its loan book committed in the property sector, NatComm is probably less vulnerable than the others.

Accounts: 1973/74 (1972/73) Capitalization £53.9m Net assets £218m (£210m) Deposits £2,612m (£2,035m) Pre-tax profit £51.3m (£42.6m) Earnings per share 8.9p (10.4p)

Bond ratings

The objective approach

the two main American bond ratiog agencies, have still not fully recovered from the blow to their reputations arising out of the embarrassingly high ratiogs both gave to Penn Central right up until the time of its collapse. Their inability to read events right has prompted some hig fund managers to look askence at the whole concept Froup's accounts are more of subjective rating, complete with cash flow and earnings projections, which provides the basis of current bond assessment in the United States.

Standard & Poor's and Moodies.

The point has not been lost on the Society of Investment Analysts and the Institute of Actuaries in drawing up their own exposure draft for rating debentures and loan stocks in the United Kingdom. The core of their recommendation is that ratings should he based on objective analysis of published

data.
Unlike the single rating applied to issues in the United States, the draft wants to see a twin approach, with one rating for the company itself and one for the issue. These would be in the form of two letters, ranging from A to E. An X would denote bearily qualified accounts or insufficient information to make any assessment. So tion to make an assessment. So a high quality company making low quality issue might rate

Company status would be Pre-tax profits £9.22m (£8.67m) determined by three criteria: Earnings per share 6.3p (7.3p) market capitalization, the Dividend gross 5.01p (4.46p)

capital gearing ratio (total borrowings divided by oet assets plus borrowings) and the income gearing ratio (interest payments divided by pre-interest profits). Bond status would be determined by the nature of the security (mort-gage, debeoture or loan) and the priority attached to capital and income payments. For the market such a sys-

tem would have certain clear advantages. It would belp eliminata some of the anomalies frequently thrown up as a result of thin trading in many issues, and since ratings would reflect the latest year's accounts, a certain emount of switching and speculative dealiog could be expected as ratings change, thus fuelling

ratings change, thus fuelling trading volume.

More pertineouty for investors, the double rating approach would allow them to decide whether they valued more highly e good quality issue, or a good quadity company. Informal research pany. Informal research suggests that institutions are broadly split down the middle on this point, with the market being left to reflect the domi-

nant values at eny one time.
Incidentally, a rating system of this sort would have the useful side-effect of eliminating from the market the kind of "funny money" which has been issued in many a take-over hid before now.

Associated Eng.

Gearing under control Component manufacturer Asso-

ciated Engineering has demonstrated its relative immunity to problems in the United King-dom car industry—to which 14 per cent of last year's sales were made—with a 6.5 per cent advance in pre-tax profits in a year which was also substantially affected—to the tune of an estimated £1.5m—by the three-day week and omens for the current year look reasonably good.

Management is planning to switch capacity left idle by slow car sales into the manufacture

of parts for diesel engines, the majority of cusmmers seem reasonably happy about their prospects, and results for the first two months confirm the directors in their hopes of another advance in profits.

Moreover, there is scope for loss-elimination in France and in the heating and air conditioning subsidiary which to-gether should be worth some-thing in excess of £500,000

meanwhile, gearing remains on the high side, with bank overdrafts last year climbing from £11.3ml to £16.9m as increased working capital and capital spending absorbed some £8m spiece. The board happy enough about the existence of adequate borrow-ing facilities, but the capital spending programme has been trimmed hack to some £5m. and the management is working on the levels of stock and work in progress—the year-end stock figure still reflecting some bang-over from unplanned stock-hailding during the three-

day week.

Although any reduction in borrowings in the present year looks too much to bope for, at least the dividend looks safe enough—even if an excep-tionally high nominal tax charge apparently leaves the guous. With the yield at 22½p a very attractive 22.3 per cent, this is the important point for

Final: 1973-74 (1972-73) Capitalization £12.2m Sales £164m (£138m)

John Plender on the root of the trouble in the banking system

Property: delicate issue for the Government

members of the Government have lost much sleep over the chaotic state of the financial system. Suddenly, however, a belated recognition appears to ltave dawned that trouble in

tave dawned that trouble in the system might heve wider economic implications.

Whitehall has been listening to the Bank of England's plaintive message with more attention than hitherto, and in recent weeks the Government has urgently been canvassing idees on bow to put down a problem that refuses to go away and threatens to get worse.

The threat arises from the difficulties that beset the secondary bank rescue operation. The clearing banks have put a self-imposed limit of £1,300m on the amount they are prepared to put into the 40 or so "fringe" banks that oeed

Another £500m, on some estimates, may be needed to cope with contiouing withdrawals of deposits from the secondary banking system.

The clearing banks' reluct-ance to go farther down the rescue road is understandable. The value of secondary bank assets, particularly property and advances secured on property, has plunged since the rescue started nearly a year

At today's values much of the £1,300m would not be recoverable. The banks are therefore locked in with little prospect of seeing their money back in the near future unless there is a rapid and spectacular re-covery in the property market. Tangible evidence of a crack in the support structure came last month when Triumph Investment Trust and its banking subsidiary G. T. Whyte, a "atatistical" bank, called in re-ceivers, thus bringing one of the larger rescues to a premature and unsatisfactory conclusion.
The outcome is that a new area of nacertainty has opened up. And the uncertainty is not confined to the secondary bank-

ing system. The finance bouses, accepting bouses and the clear-ing banks themselves are all committed to the property sec- over the next year,

Over the past 12 months few tor in greater or lesser degree. The latest figure for the banking system's advances to prop-

That figure, however, understates the true commitment since the figures do not take in

all the secondary hanks. Much of the banking system's lending to the rest of industry and commerce is secored on property. And the £2,247m of advances to the construction sector also takes in a sizable proportioe of property lending.

Confidence

These figures have to be measured against a total institutional investment in property last year of less than £1,000m and last year was a boom year. But it would not necessarily re-quire a larger outlay of funds to revive the property market, for it is a marginal market in which confidence plays an im-

portant part.
Confidence evaporated towards the end of last year largely because of the rent freeze and the introduction of new taxes on property. In spite of some Arch buying interest and repeated assurances from the Government that the rent fraeze will be removed by 1976 confidence has not returned. institucional managers simply do not believe that the Government means

what it says. Others, probebly rightly, believe that the assurances were sincere; but they also believe that the amount of property overhanging the market is such that the same investments will be avail-

They fear, too, that the assurances might crumble in changed economic circumchanged stances.

There are other good reasons for remaining liquid. As in-dustry'a cash need hecomes more urgent the institutions will he under pressure to play their part where they bave large equity investments. Finance For Iodustry already bas a claim on their attention and the Government's unprecedentedly high borrowing requirement suggests that gilts will absorb a large quantity of institutional

the answer could be to bring forward the date for relaxing the rent freeze, and its view bas found much support in the City and among property companies.

Certainly if the freeze was taken off tomorrow the value of reversionary property would move sharply upwards. It is also claimed that the prospect of a growing income again in property would prompt the in-stitutions to spark off a more general rise in property values, in which case the banking system would be off the hook.

The attractions of the argument are its simplicity and its claim to solve everyone's prob-lems at a stroke. Perhaps that explains why it has not always been treated with the scepticism it deserves.
For even assuming that the

measure could he introduced without making further serious roads into the social contract, will well achieve the opposite, in some respects, of what it set out to do. The reason the banking

system is in trouble in property cao he traced back to the extraordinary monetary expansion under the Tories in 1971-73. Low industrial investment meant that the weight of funds flowing into property was excessive : so moch so that values reached absurdly bigb levels which sometimes bore little relation to any realistic assumption about futute iocome. Secondary banks were often

advancing up to 100 per cent of value on property last year. If they, and the clearing banks same investments will be avail-which are now supporting them, able more cheaply at a future are to come out without a heavy loss, property values would have to rise to absurd levels once again—which would call for another monetary hubble of similar proportions—or rather, to more absurd levels in order to cover the interest charged by the clearing banks on their

> A return to last year's values looks even more unlikely in the light of the deterioration in tha economic climate and the effect of the rent freeze.

support operation.

Commercial rent levels are primarily determined by what bappens in the letting market. Past legislation restricting prop-erty development had already

Gordon Richardson, Governor of the Bank of England: the case for relaxing reots.

brought ehout a rapid escalation io reot levels before the freeze by restricting the supply of space in many parts of the Since the freeze the letting

market has been operating under even more artificial constraints and rents for some classes of property heve sbown aboormal rises. If the rent freeze were removed tomorrow, rent levels in this extremely marginal market would suddenly become applicable to the whole of industry and commerce as rent reviews and reversions be-

In the past rent has not represented a particularly high percentage of industry's costs. When the cash crisis becomes acute, bowever, marginal costs will look more important.

As reversions fall in on leases where the historic rent may be a fraction of today's market levels, some companies will simply move elsewhere. Reot levels could show a sbarp initial

It is possible that institutional

property is now probably be-tween 7½ per cent and 8 per cent compared with nearly 18 per ceot on undated gilts.

They might well require a higher yield to compensate for the increasing risk in property investment and the possibility of a wild rush to put property on the market capoot be ruled out, which would raise yields

even further.
None of this necessarily means that the banking system would derive no heoefit at all from the lifting of the rent freeze. There are plenty of good quality property companies which are still showing a surplus of assets over liebilities on a realistic basis, but whose cash problems are from poor financing of a large development programme.

They and their bankers might stand a better chance of coming

out iotact.

Few of the secondary bankers, on the other haod, hava many clients in that category. They are more heavily committed io secondary propertias where recovery mey well have to be measured in years rather than morths. That alone removes a signifi-

caot attraction of lifting the rent freeze now rather than later. And the secondary hanks also have a heavy commitment in building land and residential

Discount

Here, perbaps, there is bettar scope for mild reflationary action on the part of the Gov-ernment. Many new houses are now selling at a large discount against their replacement value. A recovery in the private hous-ing market might therefore give rise to less economic distortion than any attempt to push commercial property values hack up to their former levels.

That alooe, however, might not be enough to bring health back to the hanking system. In which case the rate of increase in the money supply over the next 12 months may ultimately he dictated less by broad economic considerations than by the need to stave off a seizure jo investors would also react cautions ously as they discovered that rents could go down as well as up. The yield on prime office recession.

Post Office takes a digital path towards the phone network of the future which concentrates the various

A strange-sounding advance in code modulation or PCM, was technology was marked by the put forward by the late Alec Post Office yesterday. Electro-Reeves of Standard Telecomtechnology was marked by the Post Office yesterday. Electroequalization facilities and multiplex-demultiplex equipments the 1950s.

Behind the jargon lies a significant development in tele- Post Office on its junction net communications. It enables more work, linking telephone and higher quality telephone exchanges up to 30km apart. By conversations to he carried over existing telephone lines and is the key to the national telecommunications network of the

The occasion was the start of field trials, along a 66 km trunk line between Guildford and Portsmouth, of the Post Office's first high-speed digital transmission system. "Digital" is here an alternative to "analogue", the traditional way of sending signals along telephooe wires.

In analogua telephone transmission, an electric signal is continuously modulated by the fluctuating speech pattern imposed on it. In digital transmission, the

speech waveform is in effect sliced into many pieces and the amplitude of each slice is measured and signalled along the line very rapidly. This signalling is in hinary form—the yes/no, on/off code used by digital computers.

The concept of digital com-

nics specialists spoke of optional munication Laboratories in jitter reducers and dependent 1938. But its practical impleregenerative repeaters, of anto-mentation had to await the semiconductor developments of In 1968 a 24-channel PCM

system was introduced by the comparison, the link inaugurated yesterday can carry 1,680 channels; that is, it can handle 1,680 telephone calls simultaneously.

This high capacity results from the speed of transmission

of the new system—120 million hinary digits a second, com-pared with 1.5 million for the The Guildford-Portsmouth link is claimed to be the first high-speed digital line transmission system in Europe. It uses equipment designed, made and installed by Alec Reeves' company, Standard Telephone and Cables, under a Post Office

davelopment contract. Two other companies are also under contract to instal a simi-lar system. They are the corporation's other main suppliers, GEC and Plessey.

The digital method gives two
main benefits. It enormously
iocreases the capacity of a
given line (or microwave radio link), and it gives much clearer speech over long distances. (It The concept of digital com- uses the same spacing of re-munication, known as pulse peater units as the analogue

binary there is no loss of quality along the line.) It also enables a given line to

carry a mixture of transmissions—telephone, data, hroadcast sound and/or television—at the same time. The 1,680 telephone chaunels are equivalent to one colour television channel, up to viewphone channels or up to 224 sound programme channels. Transmission is one element

work; switching is another. By extending digital transmission nto the trunk network, the Post Office will have the basis for an integrated digital system embracing both elements The introduction of digital transmission was itself justified

on economic grounds, the corporation determined. further economies would arise from digital switching. By moving towards an all-digital trunk network, the Post Office will ease the process of transmitting computer data.

Using analogue transmission, digital-to-analogue converters known as modems (modulatordemodulators) are oeeded at each end of the line

In parallel with the new line transmission system, two stages of "multiplexing" equipmentseparate channels into a single stream—have heen developed. One of these stages is by GEC, the other by Pye-TMC.

Speaking at Portsmouth yesterday, Mervyn Williams, director of telecommunications development at the Post Office, said that development of the new voice-to-voice digital system was important not only for its technical achievement, but also represente important step forward in Post Office plans for an integrated digital network.

Beroard Mills, general manager of STC's transmission divi-sion, said: "It is our earnest bope that the Post Office will maintain their current plans for the introduction of digital line systems ioto the oetwork.

"Early implementation should give British industry the opportunity of capitalizing on its technological lead and hopefully gaining a dominant position in the export market as it develops ". The "field trials" of the new

experimental system which are oow beginning will, ironically, not involve actual telephone calls over the digital link. Real telephone traffic will be simulated by generating digital sig-

nals, passing them along the lioe and monitoring the per-formance and reliability of the More than one million chan-

nel-miles of the earlier 24channel RCM systems are in use in the United Kingdom at present, linking telephone ex-changes up to 30km apart. Their introduction has enabled large traffic growth to be accommocables; more than 3,000 of these systems are now io ser

Since the introduction of the 24-channel system into the United Kingdom network in 1968, international standards have evolved. Two distinct designs have been recommended. a 24-chaooel system which follows Bell proposals (not the British system) and a 30-channel system which has been adopted throughout Europe.

This latter system will super sede the present 24-channel de-sign in Britain. Field-trial 30-channel equipment is being in-stalled by five contractors on different routes; this should lead to production systems heing available for service from about

Kenneth Owen

Business Diary: From deer to dray horse • Patiño paroxysm

directors, all French, bad also resigned. Hankerers after con-tinuity were obliged with the

comforting reassurance that Antenor Patino R is to continue

poration, was yesterday unforthcoming in the hest Patino style about the clash. Indeed, be

wanted more information than

the news, be asked, and expressed the hope that it would be at the back of the paper,

huried deep down in the small

ads. In Canada, Pariño stock

dipped on the announcement,

is not actively traded, it was being assumed that the resigna-

tions were over disagreements with the Patino family.

while in London, where Patino

be was prepared to impart. Where would The Times print

Keenan, also chief executive of the other Patino UK subsidiary, Amalgamated Metal Cor-

as chairman of the board.

ome six years after their us Babycham business was ed into Allied Braweries, owering is to take over at np of Britain's second lar drioks concern (after Bass riogtoo), Sir Gerald Thor-at 62 and after 40 years in hrewery industry, five of in the chair at Allied, es at the end of the present ical year next September. Keith om January I, Keith rering, easily the largest sholder on the Alliad board, mes deputy chairman and man-designate. Under him he Derrick Holdeo-Brown

-chairmen with specific onsibilities. lowering has been heading Allied's successful non-heer ness, one of whose winners abycham and its deer mas--and Holden-Brown, too, a background in the wine e, although he is now finance ctor and will continue to

Tom Boardman, now back Allied after bis spell in the

ard Heath Administration,

of whom become executive

charge of the finance funcir Gerald's background is difnt. A chartered surveyor, he a somewhat reluctant conto the brewery trade in the -1930s when he joined Ind pe of which his father was maoaging direcmr.

e will remain an Allied rd member, and be also has umher of other irons in the notably the chairmanship śrinsh Sugar Corporanon. leanwhile, it is good to hear outgoing brewery chief ex-ssing the view that the intry snill bas the ability and litional strengths to weather present storms.



Keith Showering: taking over

and mortar sull, you know, as opposed to a lot of stock which you can't sell", he reminded Business Diary.

Terse

Patrick Keenan, a 42 year-old Canadian, today finds himself president and chief executive of the mysterious Patino mining empire after a space of boardroom resignations over ferences of opinion on policy matters".

A terse announcement was vesterday issued from Patino NV's headquarters in The Hague through the Londoo offices of its British subsidiary, Consoli-dated Tin Smelters—chief execunive, Patrick Keenan.

This merely said that presi-

"We do bave a lot of hricks

Keenan joined Patino in Canada 10 years ago, hefore the assets of the Patino Mining Corporation were transferred to Patino NV, a wbolly-owned subsidiary with headquarters in The Hague. He joined the board as vice-president, trea-surer and director four years

In June last year, Consolidated Tin placed in creditors' voluntary liquidation its Williams, Harvey tin smelter at Kirkby, Lancashire.

Job finders Don Willis, David Shepherd and Norman Monnickendam were Club, for his foresight in wear-towards the all out of a job when Lloyd ing safety shoes when 3,600lb community.

based independent airlice folded two years ago. Today, they're husy finding jobs for other aviation people who find themselves similarly placed.

Willis and co founded Airling Appointments a Londonlioe Appointments, a Loodon-based specialist employment ageocy. In the last year, they have placed about 100 pilots,

director, Shepherd sales director and Monnickendam deputy managing and technical director. They now have 2,000 air-line employees on their books. half of them flight staff.

Only 200 of these are actually ont of work. The others just keep their names in the computer in case something better turns up.

Mr Horn's shoe The Golden Shoe is neither, as you might imagine, a euphem-ism for The Boot nor a more vigorous form of golden hand-shake. It is an award—of a single shoe—made in Lon-

don yesterday—appropriately enough to a Mr Horn—by makers of safety footwear. The guest of honour at the occasion was Robin Seymour, deputy superintending Inspec-tor of Factories, and therefore a man whose ultimate master is none other than Michael Foot The award went to Mont Horn, of Higham Ferrers, Northamptonshire, as 3,000th member of the Golden Shoe Club, for his foresight in wear-

dent and chief executive, International, the Stansted of flat truck (carrying leather) General Rene Lévêque, had as based independent airlioe ripped forward, trapping his of Wednesday been replaced by folded two years ago. Today, foot.

Keenan, and that three other they're busy finding jobs for Another award, of a £200 Another award, of a £200 cheque, was mada to Peter Denms, a machine operator of

St Neors, Huntingdon, for his slogan "Safety shoes are cheaper than crushed toes".

Safety shoes, unlike gloves ageocy. In the last year, they have placed about 100 pilots, mostly with helicopter firms battering upoo the oil-prospecting boom, or with the still-fat airlines of the emergent countries.

Willis was Lloyd's managing director. Shephard sales directors and goggles, are rarely issoed free to employees. The reason, explained a Sheffield maker, ken Tomlinson, was that many men demanded safety shoes so dressy that they could be worn out of work.

Kuwaiti pupils

Andrew McCosh, Professor of Management Accounting at the Manchester Business School, and Bill Davies, senior industrial fellow, are off to Kuwait today to sell British management edn-Cation.

McCosh has a foot in the door over there, through Morris Mo-Innés. He and McInnes were colleagues, first at Harvard and then at MBS.

McInnes is now finance director of Youssef Alghanim, a big Kuwaiti import-export trader. Ideally, the MBS team would like Kuwaitis to come to the school; Davies, for instance runs MBS short management

The school is also willing to go to the pupils and to send teachers to Kuwait. McCosh and Davies will spend seven days there, talking their way through a programme organized by McInnes and heavily weighted towards the Kuwaiti financial

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Mr. J.A. Lumsden covered the following points in his review of the year to 30th September 1974, posted to sharaholders on 12th December 1974. Gross revenue increased from £1,939,907 tn £2,385,480. Mnst nf the increase came from

deposit interest, but income from quoted investments increased by over £100,000. On the capital side the steep reduction in asset value per share reflects the unprecedented falls in stock market values everywhere, and this has been accentuated by the nacessity in make pravisian for the purchase of premium currency to meet the shortfall on the currency loans.

The only significant change in the geographical distribution of nur equity investments is the further reduction in the UK percentage from 42.10 to 34.29 per cent. During the year tha percentage of total assets held on deposit has been materially increased, and since the year-end there has been a further net realisation of equities.

At the present time there is little confidence in any stock market throughout the world, Inflation remains a major threat to the economies of most countries, and the problems flowing fram it have led to a marked recession everywhera.

In the UK, we are not inclined to rainvest until the nutlnnk is a good deal clearer. We think it right to retain a substantial proportion of our investments in the USA, although in the short-term the recession may continue to depress stock prices.

In the present circumstances we intend to maintain and possibly increase our present overall liquidity position, and thus retain maximum flaxibility to take advantage of any change in the investment nutlank.

The annual general meeting will be held on Miniday 13th January 1975 at 2.30 p.m. at 175 West George Street, Glasgow G2 2LD.

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Arthur Lee moves smartly ahead to reach £3.65m pre-tax

Expeciations of pre-tax protiis of around £3.8m from Arthur finance replacement of stock. Lee, the Sheffield steel gruup.
In its year to September 30 last were almost fulfilled with a 74 satisfied the market. The shares to 2.1p, which were almost fulfilled with a 74 satisfied the market. The shares 10.2p.

profits more than doubled to

per cent jump to £3.65m. Sales duly hardcoed 1p to 101p against a year's high of 32p. The the first would have been even the p c just under three. They better but for an insufficient reflect the belief in a cyclical flow of materials from United downturn sometime next year, which will permit a return to Kingdom suppliers and legisla-toreshadnived by the weakness tion delaying and curbing in strip. The everseas content in increases in selling prices. Stock profits is small.

English Card strengthens

56m, and a more than trebled pre-tax profit of £1.35m. The board predicts that the second inc so rapidly that forecasting half will be in line with the heyond March, 1975, becomes first so an outturn of something uncertain.

Last year at English Card like £2.7m is expected, against Clothing started sliwly, but the second half produced doubled margins. This trend has continued and the first six months as Search and 12 form £167,000 to £435,000, the doubled has continued and the first six months as Search as \$28 has brought as \$1.20 form £167,000 to £435,000, the doubled has continued and the first six months as \$28 has brought as to September 28 has brought a to 1.2p. Earnings a share come out at 7.5p. against 2.5p. 26m. and a more than trebled Order hooks remain good,

but circumstances are chang-

Redundancy as price of recovery at **Dimplex**

By Ashley Druker

Predicting the worst some three weeks ago a £1m turnlosses will not continue for the

rest of the year. The directors base their hopes on steps taken by Dimplex Ltd and Controlled Heating Units profitability on a reduced turn-

But since the start of the critical selling season in September, weekly monitoring of sales, stock, production and cash flow has resulted in redundancies for abnut 350 workers. In the 28 weeks to October 11 the loss amounted to £501,000 which, after a tax credit of some £282,000, gives a net drop into the red of £219,000. As known there has been a

serious deterioration in the business of the major unit. Dimplex Ltd. normally accounting for at least 75 per cent of sales.

A 50 per cent jump in exports was not chough the offset the severe downlurn at home.

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Associated Food peak at midterm

margins Associated Food Holdings, the leading grocery dis- recent Budget proposals for tributor within the Spar-Vivo deferment of corporation tax nrganization, has pushed its offer ome easement in the taxable profits in the half year problems of cash flow, and the to October 26 to peak levels, company will be entitled to a febo. sition. Taxable profits show an in total deferring the greater increase of 21 per cent from part of the mainstream corpor-2475,000 to \$576,000 on sales ation tax payable for the current hinsied by 47.6 per cent from £35m to £51.9m. Upward & Rich contributed profits of £53,000 and sales of £2.5m. The interim dividend is being lifted from 2p to 2.98p and the board say they are satisfied with current trading. They expect the full year results to compare favour-ahly with other similar com-

Anderson Strathclyde £1.2m tax deferment

panies in the food sector.

Up from £1.95m to 52.43m

While other groups have been hit by the legislative controls on margins Associated Food Hold.

Since the interim dividend is up from 4.64p to 5.21p.

The board states that the shortly will also be deferred— in total deferring the greater

Partial recovery by Redfearn

The promised second half recovery by Redfearn National Glass following the first half 33 per cent downturn in taxable profits has materialized. The second balf showed a much smaller fall, of 11.6 per cent from £949,000 to £839,000 but the full year's profit to Septem-Up from £1.95m to £2.43m ber 29 is, nevertheless, down by pre-tax in the preceding full year, Anderson Strathclyde last lune viewed the outlook ahead as primising. Turoover for the 28 weeks to October 12 was raised from £11.13m to £14.78m, on which trading profit increased from £10.09m to £1.33m, but after interest of £1.2m against £2.77m. £2.74.000 against nil, the pre-tax is slightly down from £1.09m to 14.35p to 9.29p.

Toothill orders up

Although Mr E. Hall, chairman of R. W. Toothill, furniture manufacturers, expects
profit this time to be lower than the previous period's £245,000 pre-tax he believes it will be "reasonably satisfactory" in view of the conditions and

justify at least a maintained dividend of 5.25p.

In the half year to September 30 profits before tax were down from £145,000 to £19,000 and sales, excluding VAT, from £1.15m to £756,000. But in recent months order intake has improved substantially and production raised. The indications are that this will continue.

Arlington Motor

Having pushed its interim pre-tax profits up from \$367,000 to a record £433,000, Arlington Motor Holdings is looking for a better result for the full term than the £768.000 peak achieved

Turnover increased 59.9m to £10.9m, while on attributable profits of £200.000, against £184.000, the interim payment is raised from 2p to 2.10p and a total of al least 8.78p, against 8.68p is expected. The second half has started

well with turnover for October and November rising 20 per cent on last term.

Industrial films

Hard sell on Algarve apartments

Sponsored films come in many shapes and at many different levels of sophistication in their approach to audiences.
Airport are our Business for potential huyers of Costain's airport expertise, has little in common with another oew Costain film, Sometimes I Dream. This is a straightfor-Dream. This is a straightforward 22 minutes hard selling of the amenities of Vale do Lobo. a 600-acre development in the Algarve in which Costain in partnership with Trust Hoses Forte provide for sale or rent bouses in "a hlend of traditional Moorish and modern Portuguese" styles.

Amenities is the key word: the swimming pools, the 27-hole golf course and the rest iook particularly attractive, viewed on a wet December day in Loodon. The audience again potential customers: but tha product, though expensive, is a lot cheaper than ao airport, and the customers correspondingly more numerous.

It is a different scene io Living at Thamesmead (Tara Films, 27min), from the GLC. The Thamesmead development is a remarkable exercise in planning, and here we have a fairly detailed picture of what has happened so far, semi-fic-tionalized with two rather idealized teenagers, but with a good ration of the real iohabiselves-recognizably unlike the inhabitants of Vale do Lobo.

Audience bere, for a hardworking down-to-earth film, obviously GLC ratapayers, as evideoce of money usefully spent, plus the very many ocople outside London inrerested in urban development.

Back in the air we have Rothman's *The Display* (VSF Films, 16min). Aviation enthusiasts who are still enjoying Tha Wind in the Wires will velcome this new Edwards contribution. The Rothman's aerobatic

ream and others are seen in vivid action in the setting of an air display: no commantary

but some quite extraordinary aerial photography. Audieoceeveryone interested in tha air-Cinema audiences are seeing it now, the kind of sponsored film that can ruo the ordinary second feature into the ground As could Alice in Label Land Richard Taylor Cartoon Pilms. 13 minutes). It is enlightened of the COI to use brilliant animation, instead of conventional lecture, to "explain in simple terms certain sactions of the Leballing of Food Regulations. The Ministry has been wall served by a delightful and instructive film. Primarily for schools and consumer, and consumer, and consumer, and consumer, and consumer. sumers' and womeo's organiza-tions, it is also for Alice fans, who will find it closer to Tenniel than ever Disney was.

The Post Office plays it safe to Hard Day (Cygnet Films, 15 minutes), a competent story demonstration of some of the ways in which we make our telephooe lives more difficult than they oeed be. The Badger Account, two years back, was directed mainly at meangement; this is primarily for extension users, and everyone who has ever suffered at the bands of a switchhoard, or indeed an executiva concerned to pass the huck, will hope that it gets a wide showing io offices

By way of postscript, salute to a oew initiative. The first half of an Anglo-German film exchange gave us recently at the Shell Centre six German industrial films including Au Auto. that splendidly ironic view of the motor car and the blood it sheds. It won a Grand Prix at Amsterdam in 1972.

The second half of the exchange, early next year, will take a set of Brinsh films to Germany; and it may be hoped that this first exercise of its kind, organized on the Eoglish side by the British Industrial and Scientific Film Association, will be followed by other such exchanges, bringing some of the best foreign productions to audiences that canoot go to international festivals.

Apologies to Costain. Last time wa erroceously put a price tag on Airports are our business. which is, of course, available oo

Eynon Smart

STEWARTS & LLOYDS OF SOUTH AFRICA LIMITED

Group Results for the year ended 30 September 1974 and Declaration of Dividends

Audited results of the Group for the year ended 30 heptember 1974 with comparable figures for the previous year are as follows:

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Net Income	9 = 15	* 164
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This has been dealt with as follows:		
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Non-Distributable Reserve		35
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22 510 553 shares (1973—10 cents)		7.24)
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During most of the financial year your Group of companies enjoyed brely market conditions. The unprecedented demand for Group manufactured and factored products and the effects of inflation are reflected in sales and credit

performance.

Normal accounting procedures reflect increases in sales and profit belone tax of 31% and 86% respectively. In order to reveal real performance and the effects of inflation, the annual report of the Group will contain a certained comparison of the results published in this notice with the results obtained when inflation accounting techniques are applied. The direct effect of inflation on net income is R5 379 1981 which will be transferred to distributable reserves, in our interim report of 25 April 1974 we mentioned that consideration was being given to changing linancial policy to cater for the adequate replacement of existing plant and for lunding the righter cost of inventory and real crewth. The Board has since implemented changes in policy by increasing both divided cover and the long-term lunds of the Group. Newstitistanding these charges the dividend has been raised from 10 cents to 13 cents per share.

On 13 August 1974, R5m unsecured debentures redeemable between 15th 1966 were placed privately at a fixed interest rate of 11.75% or a rate of 1,75% above the minimum commercial bank overdraft rate from time to time orth a maximum rate of 145%.
Towards the end of the financial year a notocable downward from developed in the inflow of orders from consumer durable manufacturers are from the building industry. This has impact on approximately 15% of on husings Other market sectors have so far remained stable.
These changes in the economy may well inducate the commencement of a period of difficult business conditions.

On behalt of the Roard.

Reclaration of Dividends

Notice is hereby given that the undermentioned dividends have been declared. Preference dividend, A dividend of 6% per annum for the wix months ending 31 December 1974 payable to the holders of the six per cent first cumulative preference shares registered to the books of the company at the close of business on 13 December 1974.

Ordinary dividend No. 43. A dividend of 13 cents per share for the financial scall ended 30 September 1974 payable to the bolders of the ordinary share registered in the books of the company at the close of business on 13 December 1974.

The melecular and ordinary dividends are declared in the currency of the

December 1974.
The preference and ordinary divideods are declared in the currency of the Republic of South Africa.

In terms of the South African Income Tax Act, 1926, as amended the dividends are subject to the deduction of non-resident shareholders. The tax will be deducted at the applicable rate in the case of shareholders whose addresses in the share registers are outside the Republic of South Africa. The registers of members, including the United Kingdom Office preference share register, will be closed from 14 December to 31 December 1774, polyholates inclusive.

share register. Will be careed from 1- Bostonian on or about a January 1975 interest on 715°r unsecured ions etock.

In terms of the declaration of trust, interest toe the six month period ending 11 December 1974 will be paid on that date. The register of stockholders will be closed from 14 December 10 31 December 1974, both dates inclusive average of the Roard E A JOHNSON Group Senerges.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that dividends have been declared in Scuth African currency, payable to members registered in the books of the undermentioned companies at the close of business on 27th Occamber, 1974, and to persons precenting the relevant coupons detached from share warrants to bearer. A notice regarding payment of dividends on coupon No. /2 detached from onaite warrants to bearer issued by the Scute African Land & Exploration Compony Limited will be published in the press oy the London Secretaries of that company on or about 20th Decomber, 1974.

Decomber, 1974.

The transfer registers and registers of members will be closed in each case from 28th December, 1874, to 10th January, 1975, both days inclusive, and warrants will be posted from the Johannesburg and United Kingdom offices of the transfer secretaries on or about 6th February, 1975. Registered members paid from the United Kingdom will receive the United Kingdom currency equivalent on 28th January, 1975, of the rend value of their dividends (less appropriate laxes). Any such members may however elect to be paid in South African currency, provided that the request is received at the offices of the transfer secretarios in Johannesburg or in the United Kingdom on or before 27th December, 1974.

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The effective rate of non-resident shareholders tax rentroned companies is 15 per cent.

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East Caggalontein Mines Limited	70	<u>.</u> .	IO cents
The South African Lend & Exploration Company Limited	71	72	
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THE TIMES GUIDE TO THE

HOUSE OF COMMONS OCTOBER. 1974

The seven-month gap between the two 1974 elections is the shortest this century. The gravity of the political and economic situation has given added interest to the halance of power and its likely effects. The Times Guide to the House of Commons October 1974 is a unique and invaluable source of relarence giving full details of the voting, pictures of all MPs. biographies of members and unsuccessful candidates, a survey of voting trends, and full statistical tables. The pull-out map gives visual details of how the country voted constituency houndanes.

The Timas Guida to the House of Commona October 1974 will be on sale in bookshops on December 9, or it can be ordered direct from the publishers by completing the coupon below in block letters using a half point pen.



What the French don't know about eating probably isn't worth eating, and that includes what they drink when they eat.

And they drink Perrier. They say the natural, sparkling.

separates the flavours, and brings out the true taste of the food.

They drink a million bottles every day, and if you think that's extravagant, remember one thing.

On the subject of food they've never ever been wrong.



With added je ne sais quoi.







Statement to the Shareholders by the Chairman, Mr. J.O. Blair-Cunyinghame

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of National and Commercial Banking Group Limited will be held in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh, on Thursday, 9th January 1975, at 12 noon. The following is from the Statement by Mr. J. O. Blair-Cunynghame, O.B.E., LL.D., D.Sc., Chairman of the Board.

RESULTS

The Group profit before taxation, including the appropriate share of associated companies' results for the year ended 30th September 1974, amounted to £51,336,000 representing an increase of £8,718,000, or 20 per cent, over the previous year. A sum of £4,800,000, after taxation relief, was set aside in Williams & Glyn's Bank this year as an additional provision against advances and after charging this amount the profit after taxation amounted to £20,010,000 compared with £23,325,000 last time.

There were three principal factors common to both banks—indeed to the whole banking industry—which influenced these results. Firstly, costs rose steeply during the year, in our case more than 30 per cent. Secondly, there has been a slower growth of the money supply generally which is reflected in the slower rise in the Group's resources. It is, however, very encouraging to report an increase by both the Royal Bank of Scotland and Williams & Glyn's Bank in their current account totals. Thirdly, although average base rate was 3.7 per cent higher at 12.34 per cent, the rate of increase in the year from September 1973 was again less than in the previous twelve months.

The results of the whole Group during a year of growing difficulty and uncertainty reflect not only the respective experience of the two main operating banks in their rather different commercial environments but also, in aggregate, the strength and flexibility provided by their complementary nature.

Royal Bank of Scotland Group: Pre-tax profits, including associated companies, have increased by £7,935,000, or 36 per cent, to a total of £30,218,000. A substantial rise in foreign currency lending reflects the growing interest of the Royal Bank of Scotland in international business generally. There has also been a significant expansion in the business of the leasing subsidiary due largely to North Sea oil activities.

Williams & Glyn's Bank Group: Pre-tax profits, including associated companies, show a rise of £1,383,000, or 7 per cent, to a figure of £21,758,000. A sizeable contribution to the total profits continues to come from foreign exchange business. The rise in average sterling deposits included an increased share in the total of the London Clearing Banks' current accounts.

THE FUTURE

For us in the banking industry it is a time to exercise our well established principles of prudence and caution and, in providing our traditional service to customers, to conserve our resources so as to be able to give the maximum help to industry and commerce in a whole variety of different situations. These will include calls for large increases in working capital due to inflation and temporary shortages in liquidity arising from the exceptional conditions or to provide fresh capital on medium term avidly required by vigorous new and expanding technology. This last requirement is particularly true of some aspects of Scotland just now.

We do not intend to allow our enterprise or spirit of innovation to be totally eclipsed by today's conditions. Nevertheless one of the heavy burdens of the circumstances is the amount of executive time consumed firstly by dealing with such special situations as the operations to support the secondary banks and secondly by the almost continual dialogue with the authorities on the various technicalities of new practices and procedures which are being evolved to deal with the present situation. In all this work we need and want the closer understanding of the authorities themselves and of our customers and shareholders. Our staff from the most senior to the most junior are carrying the heavy load cheerfully.

If the reason for our present difficulties in this and other countries does indeed lie deep in the hearts and minds of men and is evident in a discontent with the present degree and rate of social change then it is only by a better mutual understanding of each other's anxieties, wishes and objectives that we can make any real progress. The obligation to explain one's own processes and achievements is just as strong as to listen to those of others.

14th November 1974.

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Copies of the Directors' Report and Accounts containing the full statement may be obtained from The Secretary, National and Commercial Banking Group Limited, 36 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2 YB.

National and Commercial Banking Group Limited

LEGAL NOTICES

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In the HICH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery flivishem Companies Court. In the Matter of CHINCFORD MOUNT CEMETERY COMPANY Limited And in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby eigen that a PETITION for the WINDING-CP of the ebove-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 5th day of flectmber presented to the said Court by Abney Perk Centelery Company Limited whose registered office is situate at Boditorial House, 4 Goldington Road. Bestford in the County of Bestford.

And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strend, London WCZ on Monday 20th Jenoary 1975; and any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company destrous to support or oppose the making of an Order en the Said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be lumished by the undersigned to any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on haymant of the regulated charge for the Same.

MESSHS. BORNEO MARTELL

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& PARTNERS. of Diron

House, 77/85 Rarpur Street,

Bedford, Solicitors for the

Petitioner.

NOTE: Any person who intends to appear on its hearing of the said Petition must serve or sand by post to the said Petition must serve or sand by post to the shove-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and eddress of the person, or if a firm, and most he signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor in hearing and must be served or if notice must be sent by post of must be sent by post of must be sent by post of sofficient time to reach the shove-cemed not later than 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 17th January 1975.

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No. Marker of Nariface Country in the Matter of Nariface Country in the Matter of Nariface Matter of The Companies Act 1918

In the Matter of POLMEAD EN-TERTANNMENTS (NEWCASTLE) Limited, and in the Matter of The Companies Act. 1948, Notice is hereby given that the CHEDITORS of the active-maned CHEDITORS of the active-maned companies which are required, on or before the 10th day of January, 1975, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and

are proved.

Dated this 29th day of November, 1974.

proved.

LEONARD G. CURTIS,

In the Matter of The Companies Act. 1948 and in the Matter of STRATTONS WINE BAR Limited Registered Office; 51/36, Fotey Street. Londen, will SBY.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act. 1948, that a MEBITING of the CREDITORS of the above named CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at Room 439 (Second, Floor). Salisbury Rouse, London Wall, 5.C.2, in the City of London Wall, 5.C.2, in the City of London Wall, 5.C.2, in the City of London, on Tuesday. Slet Decomber, 1974, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose mentioned in Section 294 at 849 of the said Act. 1974.

By Order of the Board. PHILIP L. OLIVER. Socreti

SILOU Poley Street, London, WIP
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Notice is hereby given pursuant
to Section 293 of the Companies
Act, 1948, that I MEETING of the
CREDITORS of the above-named
Company will be held at Winchaster
House, London, Wall, London,
E.C.2, on Monday, 50th Recember,
1974, at 3.00 o.m. for the purpose
mentioned in Section 294 et seq of
the said Act,
Dated this 9th day of December,
1974.

WINTER TRADING CO. LIMITED

Natice is hereby diver personner to Section 295 of the Companies Act. 1948, that a MELTING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at. The Bonshington Hotel. Southampton Row London W.C.I. on Thursday, the 19th day of December at 3.60 n.m. for the purposes mentioned in Section 294 and 295 of the said Act.

By Order of the South day of December 1974.

By Order of the Board

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BRENDON SECURITIES Limited.

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Natice is hereby given that a
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Datec this seventh day af Decamber, 1973.
PAUL O'NEILL

Directee.

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COMPANY NOTICES

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Consideration is being given to removating and remodelling the existing Payllion Theatre, which is situated on a grominent scatron!/ harbourside site and offers a unique apportunity 28 a commercial leisure and entertainment complex.

Companies and organisations with eagital for conversion and with majorialment/leisure experience are invited to obtain further duality.

DAVID P. HUDSON, ESO...
I.L.B... Town Glerk & Chief
Executive Officer, Town
Hall, Torquey.

PUBLIC NOTICES CHURCH COMMISSIONERS PASTORAL MEASURE 1968 Notice is hereby given by the Church Commissioners that they have PREPARED a DEAFT PASSIONAL SOIIEME in Implement proposals will to them by the Bishop of Shelffeld for making a declaration of reductionary in respect of the caughter rhurch of St. James the Great Wathedpon-Drame.

A cert of the draft scheme may be reserved at The Variage, Wathedpon-Drame, a copy may also be obtained or inspected during normal effice hours upon application to the Church Commissioners' office.

Any representations with respect is the draft scheme should be made in writing le the Church Commissioners and should reach their cities not later than 15th January.

R S. RYLE Secretary Date 10th Occumber, 1974 1 Millbank, London SWIP 3JZ.

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A copy may also be obtained or inspected duranc normal edilice hours upon application to the Church Commissioners office.

Any representations with respect to the draft scheme should be made in writing to the Church Commissioners and should reach their offices not later than 13th January, 1975.

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Nolice is hereby given that the PETITION for the WINDING IP of the Gourt of Jestice was on the High Court of Sauna Sauna FASTENER CENTRE LTD, whose registered office is elitated at Stering Worts. Cocks Street. Birmingham, OR1 RO, west Middands, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL un the 20th day of Jenuary, 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said reproduced the Petition may eppear at the said company requiring such copy on patment of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned is any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on patment of the Court purpose: and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned is any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on patment of the Court purpose; and a popy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned is any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on patment of the credit purpose; and a popy of the man and the copy of the petition will be furnished by the undersigned in the second petition must serve single second by post to the obeve-named notice in writing of his intentien so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if is firm, the name end eddress of the firm, and must be served, or, if you are the post of the firm, and must be served, or, if you are the post of the post of the post of the firm, and must be served, or, if you are the post of the post of the post of the pos LEGAL NOTICES

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Dated this 9th day of December, 1974. By Order of the Beard.
PHILIP L. DLIVER.
Secretary.

THE COMPANIES ACT 1948 HENRY FRASER Limited HENRY FRASER Limited

Notice is hereby given, pursuant
to section 293 of the Companies
Act 1948, that a MEETING of the
CREDITORS of the above-named
Company will be held at Recent
Centre Hotet, Carburion Street,
London, W.1 on Friday, the 20th
day of December 1974, at 11.30
clock in the Forencen, for the
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and, 295 of the said Act.

**Indeed this 1tth day of December, 1974,
By Order of the Board,
P. H. WILLIAMSON.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

OFFICIAL NOTICE-PROPOSAL TO CHANCE SHIPS NAMES

We, the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company of P&O Building, Leadenhall Street, London EC3V 4QL hereby pive notice, that th consequence of company policy, we have applied to the Dopartment of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shooma Act. 1894, in respect of 12 of our ships for permission to CHANGE their

Present Name of Shio	Dificial Number	Ccoss Tonusoe	Net Tonnace	Proposed New Neme of Shio	
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Any objections to the proposed change of names must be sen in Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen, Liantrisant Ro Liandaff, Cardiff, within seven days from the appearance of

This 10th day of Becomber 1974

THE PENINBULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY

CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

TURKISH ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY ANKARA—TURKEY

FOR THE FOUR (4) X 300 MW AFSIN-ELBISTAN POWER STATION, TURKEY WITH A STEAM GENERATING CAPACITY OF 1020 TONS/H FOR EACH UNIT TO OPERATE ON LOW QUALITY LIGNITE WITH A LOW CALORIFIC VALUE OF 950 KCAL/KG IT IS INTENDED TO TENDER THE FOLLOWING WORK:

1. 1 CIF-dailyery and arection ifor imported parts), FOS-delivery and eraction (for locally procured parts of:
cables, wites, cable and wire ducts. liphting equipment, earthing and lighting systems, communication systems (talephone, staff location, clock system), fire alarm systems, piping, valves, instrument connections, insulation, condensate and water tanks, fuel oil tanks, cooling water heal-exchangers, auxiliary pumps, small fifting equipment, workshop and store house equipment (excluding large cranes), botter house wall panelling, coal conveyor plant wall panelling, a complete hydrogen generating plant, an air conditioning system for the control rooms a heating and wantitating system for all technical buildings, lifts for the technical buildings. Erectian work for all machanical and electrical parts of the power plant procured by TEK under separate contracts.

separate contracts.

1. 3 Transportation from Turkish port or border to site of all equipment and material items 1.1 and 1.2 and storage at sits.

Furnishing of all orection equipment and material. Final peinting of the equipment,

2. The bidding firms must have:
2. I Executed the erection, testing and commissioning under his own responsibility of at least 3 units with a unit capacity of not less than 200 MW or

with a unit capacity of not less than 200 MW or

2. 2 Gained the necessary experience is act as responsible leading party with participants of a joint venture or with subcontractors, who can prove the required qualification in accordance with 2.1 for the most important parts of the power plant.

3. The time is participate in this bidding have to obtain, from the address mentioned below of the Turkieh Electricity Authority. "The cartificate for participating in bidding."

Turkye Elektrik Kurumu (TEK) Santrallar Dairesi Baskanligi Necatibey Caddesi No. 3 Maro Han, Kat. 7 Sikbiye-Ankara-Turkey

The firms can gather, aither personally or through the mail, tree of charge, the "precusiffication specification" arranged by the Turkish Electricity Authority from the above stated address of the Owner for receiving "the certificate for participating in biddinp". It is requested that, the questions placed in the said specifications having been completely and correctly answered, the answers together with its oltachments, be returned to the same address till 15.00 hrs. January

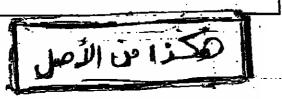
30, 1975.

The firms will be intermed as to whether they shall be granted "the certificate for participating in bidding" or not, tallowing the examination of their qualification by the owner.

The litms will alsa be informed about the date and manner at receiving the Bidding Specification and the date and menner of submitting the bid, on occasion of their being granted "the certificate for participating in bidding".

The Turkleh Electricity Authority is not subject to Law No. 2490.

TURKIYE ELEKTRIK KURUMU



FINANCIAL NEWS

Dearer borrowing signs in evidence, say Mercantile Credit

Arguably the most difficult money markets to contract still year in the history of the company, Mr D. Meinershagen, tunate in obtaining deposits By Our Financial Staff chairman, told the annual meeting of Mercautile Credit that the disappointing outcome was fell from 5286m to 5216m (25

special deposits and reserve assets. This stood the company panies found themselves in diffi-ment.

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almost entirely because of an per cent), the cost of money unprecedented increase in rose from Silm to a "staggermoney costs. Interest rates ing" 154m, or by 75 per cent,
escalated rapidly, while inflation gathered pace and economic conditions declined.

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rose from Silm to a "staggering" 154m, or by 75 per cent.
There were signs that the high
borrowing costs might bave
begun to ease, but there are As a matter of prudence the now already warning signs of a board kept substantial resources reversal of this trend. Its port in liquid form in addition to the folio in property finance is special deposits and reserve broadly divided as to 550m in the residential sector and £30m in good stead in the early elsewhere, including some months of 1974. Major com-

BBI profits lifted 25 pc by overseas business

By Fred Wilson shows a significant improvement profit, including the share or higher profit has been the form shows a 25 per cept tribution from exchange rates. This is because international takes 26.6m (221.2m) deducting the profit attributable to outside shareholders and entrace over the many other ordinary items the balance attributable emerges at 530m, against 26.6m. against £26.6m.

in profits was from overseas Profit before tax and extra-ordinary items of Barclays Bank correct to assume that BBI's International, a wholly owned contribution to Barclays' group subsidiary of Barclays Bank, for profits this year will be higher

The main part of the increase into pounds.

ENI denies Snia Viscosa of short-sea shares sale

Rome, Dec 12.-Officials at ENI, the state energy group, deny that the company bas sold its 4 per cent bolding in Snia Viscosa, the fibres concern. Press reports earlier this week claimed that the interest had been sold to Montedison, the chemicals group, belping it and Mediobanca to gain an absolute majority.

Montedison and Mediobanca which is state owned—controlled 37.1 per cent of Sma Viscosa at June 30—the latest date for which figures are available. They jointly control by far the largest block of shares.

Press reports, later denied by both Montedison and Medio-banca, said that the two had also made substantial purchases of Sma Viscosa shares on the open market, but under Italian share-buying regulations identities of buyers can be kept secret even from companies whose shares are being bought.—AP-

Reshuffle P & O ships

By Michael Baily Shipping Correspondent A major reorganization of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam

Navigation group's short-sea shipping services is to be carried out in the new year. A single new unit—P and O Ferries—is being formed with Mr Ian Churcher, formerly general manager of North Sea Ferries, as general manager, and Mr Rodney Leach, head of Transport Division, in overall the group's European and Air

charge. It will take in a fleet of 30 ships operating to north Europe, France, Spain, Portugal, North Africa, and Ireland. Mr. John Turner, at present chairman of P and O Short Sea

Shipping Ltd, is to retire.

In a statement yesterday P and O said the move is aimed at improved coordination between the group's short-sea shipping and other transport interests in Britain and Europe.

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or	appropr	riate curr	encies.		
Company	Ord	Year	Pay	Year's	Prev
(and par values)	div	ago	date	total	vear
Anderson Strathclyde (£1) Im	5.21	4.64	3/2	_	11.55
Arlington Motor (25p) Int	2.10	2.0	3/2	8.78	8.68
Assoc Eng (25p) Fin	3.63	3.15	_	5.0	4.46
Assoc Food (25p) Int	2.98	2.0	28/1		5.51
Assoc TV (25p) Int	2.75	2.98	21/3	_	7.51
Braithwaite (£1) Int	3.32	3.32	_		8.82
Castlefield (Klang) (10p) Fin	2.36	2.25	1972	2.88	2.75
Clark & Fenn (250) Int	1.16	0.83	28/1	— .	2.74
Dimplex (5p) Int	NI	0.85	÷	_	2.48
Distillers (500) Int	3.0	2.87 ·	28/3	_	7.41
Dom Hidgs (10p) Int	1.94	1.75	7/2	-=	4.75
Eng Card (25p) Int	1.2	1.07	31/1	· —	3.02
Graham Wood (20p) Int	0.83	0.8	27/3		2.2
HK (Selanger) (10p) Int	0.74	0.7	29.1	— . ·	5.95 -
Holyrood Rbr (E1) Int	5.6	5.0	29/1	.— '	27.5
Incledon & Lambts (25p) Int	1.09	1.05	1/4		4.13
Killinghall Rbr (10p) Fin	6.55	6.25	17/2	8.12	7.75
L'Hall-Sterling (25p) Int	1.3	1.25	4/4		4.13
Arthur Lee (121p) Fin	1.56	1.33	21/2	2.08	1.83
Liner Concrete (10p) Fin	0.56	0.5†	_	0.88	0.8†
Norton & Wright (10p) Int	1.49	1.42	_		4.4
Redfearn Glass (25p) Fin	3.7	3.21		5.01	4.46
Tex Abrasives (10p) Int	0.96	0.75	3.2		3.07
	1.75	1.75.	28/1	5.25*,	5.25
Utd Spring (10p) Fin	1.02	0.87	13/2	1.65	1.47
	0.15	0.15	4/4	— ·	0.47
† Adjusted for scrip. * Fore	CHST.				

Issues & Loans

Noble Gossart, the Edinburgh merchant bankers, have in-creased the equity capita lot Grossart Investments (NGI), the young companies fund which is managed by Noble Grossart. The new capital has increased the shareholders' funds of NGI from

about £1m to £3.8m. A small number of mainly Scottisb institutional investors who are clients of Noble Grossart have subscribed for 1.4m new shares at £2 per share.

£4 for Hebrides

The European Investmen Bank, the EEC's long term fir ance institution, bas granted loan to the equivalent of £47 (7.7m upits of account) to bel establish on the Isle of Lewis in the Hebrides, a steel frabr cation complex for offshor

structures. The loan, which is for a terr of eight years at an intere-rate of 10.5 per cent, has bee made available to Lewis Of shore Ltd. formed earlier th year by Fred Olsen Ltd an Aker Group Ltd. of London.

R. & G. CUTHBERT Company plans to increase i to 11 by 1977-78.

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Extracts from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. Clive Clague, for the year to 30th June, 1974.

Group pretax trading profit after interest rose from £346,622 to £536,724.

Horticultural Division. The 25% increase in trading profit and maintained net margins are most encouraging. This year we should exceed last year's profits by a considerable margin. We also have great hopes for our first export venture: Carters' seeds will be on sale in Canada in 1975.

Hardware Wholesaling Division. Having completed our acquisition phase, we are concentrating on warehouse and distribution rationalisation and market development. Our turnover makes us the largest group in the industry. In July 1974 we launched "Hardware House" to provide the independent retailer with low cost, nationally branded products and a wide variety of promotional items to enable him to keep on equal terms with any major retail group. Response has been excellent.

The Group is particularly well placed not merely to survive, but to continue to achieve real growth. We have begun successfully to demonstrate the potential we have created and will continue aggressively to pursue profitable opportunities.

Full copies of the Annual Report can be obtained from: the Secretary, R. & G. Cuthbert Limited, Caldecot House, Goff's Oak, Waltham Cross, Herts.

Veba warns of lower earnings

Düsseldorf, Dec 12.—The 1974 results of Veba Group will probyear's net profit of DM353m (£56.8m), says Herr Rudolf Von Bennigsen Foarder.

Group sales should rise by roughly 40 per cent to DM17,000m, thanks mainly to heavy cost increases for mineral oil and chemical basic products.

So far this year results in the chemicals, glass production, trading, transport and services sectors have improved, but those for electricity and mineral oil are worse.—AP-DJ.

Wolv'n & Dudley yield to costs Severe increases in costs are

blamed by Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries for a fall in pre-tax profits from a record 13.8m to 13.4m on turnover up from £19.3m to £21.6m. There is no intention, how-

ever, of cutting back on the expansion plan. The board feels that this is essential to future growth, although the group will have to borrow more heavily in 1975 to finance at.

Trading for first four months of current year has produced profits before tax ahead of same period last year, chairman, Mr R. G. Cave, told annual meeting. CITY OF DUBLIN BANK
City of Dublin Bank reports
peak pre-tax profit of £245,000
for year to September: 39, 1974,
marginally ahead of last year's
£245,006.

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INTERIM STATEMENT



Interim Statement

The half-yearly results of ATV Corporation are excellent for all the Company's main divisions, with the exception of those for ATV Network Limited. Here the decline in profit is as predicted in the Corporation's last Annual Report.

Though for the second half-year results for ATV Network Limited are not expected to show any improvement, in other divisions (notably records and music publishing) there is marked improvement and there is every reason for confidence in the overall results for the year.

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Nevertheless, in present economic circumstances, the Directors have felt it prudent to make a nominal reduction in the rate of the interim dividend

At a Board Meeting held today, 12th December, 1974 the Directors declared an interim dividend for the year ending 30th March, 1975 of 1.85p per Unit to holders of the "A" Ordinary Stock Units of 25p each, which with the imputed tax credit, amounts to 2.7612p per Unit compared with 2.98275p in 1973. Dividend warrants will be posted on the 21st March, 1975 to stock holders on the register on the 24th February 1975.

The unsudited results for the first 27 weeks of the current financial year are:	27 Weeks to 29.9.74	27 Weeks to 30.9.73	Full Year to
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Group tutnover	27,192	25,303	54,851
Group profit before taxation	2,434	3,347	7.268
Taxation.	1,265	1,740	3,582
Profit after taxation	1,169	1,607	3,686
Minority interests Attributable to members of the	24	31	70
Holding Company	1,145	1.576	3,616
Amount absorbed by dividends Earnings per 25p "A" Ordinary Unit	774	883	2,154
(बरीक्ट रेस्ट)	2.74p	3.77p	8.64p

Associated Television Corporation Limited

Beaverbrook Newspapers : Con-

tinuous production essential.

Profit expected

Beaverbrook Newspapers

not in a loss-making position at present and should return to

prufits this term, Sir Max Aitken, chairman, said after

The group's financial year tu

June 30 traditionally started poorly, but the second half was

expected to produce a good result, he said. In 1973-74 there was a taxable loss of £1.35m.

Earlier the chairman had told

shareholders that " the patch of

blue" he saw ahead depended

on continuous production, which was absolutely necessary for a

On the newsprim situation Sir

Max said in his view manufac-

turers had been putting up the price for the British market far

more than they had in the United States and Caoada. The

company was a small share-

holder in both Capital and Clyde

Mr Alastair Burnet, new editor of the Daily Express, has been elected to the board of the

company. Sir Max said the paper had "improved immeasur-ably" since he took over five

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yesterday's annual meeting.

this term at

Beaverbrook

e Wendel's strong role in effort block takeover of Firminy

December 12.—Purchases and is still buying. jares by iron and steel De Wendel continue in mee-cornered stroagle for of Marine Firminy. g come into the reckoning eek with the disclusure of ir cent stake, and avowing itiun to Denain-Nord-estvy, a spokesman confirms ne group has now acquired to per cent in the market

The core of the battle, through Marine-Firminy, is for Creusot of Denain's bid.
Loire. The French-Belgian Denain's offer Loire. The French-Belgian Schneider Group, which owns 32 per cent of Firminy, reconsidered a decision to cede this to Benain. After Schneider's appushion, the Firming board said it could not recommend acceptance of Denain's offer, which is valid until January 23.

Meanwhile, the active De Wendel purchases have had the

effect of raising Firminy's

Denain's offer would amount to some 140.8 francs a shore. But thuse of Firminy (on the De Wendel purchases) rose to as much as 159 francs during this week, closing today at 156.5 francs. De Wendel started buy-ing Firntiny shares early this month when they were requoted following the opening of Den-ain's bid.—AP-DJ.

ecord again at United Spring

arcity of material, United c profit increased 28 per o a fresh record £944,000 nover up 37 per cent to a ler £12.05m for the year prember 30. Earnings a show a rise from 3.93p tu while the total payment p from 1.47p to 1.65p. nidway when pre-tax pru-ts up frum £320,000 to 10. Mr David Westwood, ian, iras confident that ne profits wuntd shuw approciable grouth, newconter Hengelose abrick Bakker, acquired y, turned in a contribu-irell up to forecast".

tengate plan ructure

naking in Slater Walker nent Trust (SA) profits of gate Investment reached 10 (£121,000) for the year ptember 30. Turnover, represents the proceeds viry sales by the dealing increased from

earnings a share of (5.23p) the net asset value 8p a share at the year lculated after a provision 1m (42p a share) to allow vestment currency pre-losses. It is hoped the part of this provision will ionecessary

osals are being formuo transfer shareholders' ts in the net assets 10 a mpany incorporated and t outside the United m for exchange control

To in Italy ro Chemical Group in a enture with Sayer Lack 'ly has formed Lankro J SpA which is capita-at 15m lire (about 10). The new company is arket United Kingdom actured chemicals which foams, prethane rs, and textile coatings, ratio capacity is expected to two years. Sayer Lack a major position in Italy manufacture of traditional urethace varnishes for

over £1.44m (£1.25m) and taxable profit £181.000 (£58,000). Dividend 0.96p (0.75p).

ANGLO-CONTINENTAL TRUST
Anglo-Cootinental Trust bas become London Branch of Banque Occidentale pour l'Industrie er le commerce. SA.

KILLINGHALL RUBBER
In year to June 30 turnover was £117.000 (£67.000) and pre-tax £122.000 (£128.000), including £131.000 (£103.000) from tin tribute. Earmings 13.35p (5.2p) a share and total dividend 8.12p [7.75p).

CASTLE FIELD RUBBER
From turnover of £317.000 (£475.000) taxable profit last year. £340.000 (£118.000). Also extraordinary gain £1.46m from sale of £42m. dividend 2.88p (2.75p).

LEADENHALL-STERLING INV
10cluding £45,500 (£48,000) share in profit from Yatton Furniture, ioterim pre-tax £119,500 (£90,000).

Dividend 1.3p (1.25p).

2.25p, while earnings a share are ahead from 3.6p to 6.8p.

Substantial cuts in

borrowings by Yatton Although turmover of Yatton September 30 rose from £1.87m to £2.2m, taxable profits fell from £130,000 to £123,000. The interim dividend is held at 0.15p. The chairman says borrowings have been reduced substantially during recent months and, following a period of short-time working, the group now has a satisfactory order haok; all departments are busy. Aralon Forniture, the main subsidiary, returned taxable profits of £127,000 (£116,000) and turnover of £1.86m

Clark & Fenn cheer

Clark & Fenn (Holdings), which makes acoustic and other huilding products, hoisted its taxable profits in the half year to June 30 by 30 per cent to £410,000; and the board are confident that the full year's profit should comfortably exceed £875,000—a new group record. Turnover added 18 per cent to £4.37m.

The profit improvement re-

Briefly

GRAHAM WOOD STEEL
Half-time profit £248,000
(£178,000) pre-tax with earnings
3,21p (2,35p) a share.
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guard growth. TAX ABRASIVES

flects continuing high activity in all divisions, and current liquidity is satisfactory.

The interim dividend is being raised from 0.83p to 1.16p, the maximum permitted and the directors have decided to pay the whole of the annual increase at this time to reduce

Incledon & Lamberts slowing down

Because of present trading conditions, the board of Incle-don & Lamberts, makers of plastic pressure pipes, can now see nu prospect of matching last year's record profit level of Last year's record profit level of £610,000. This is in spite of a rise in pre-tax profits from £286,000 to £351,000 on turn-nver of £2.46m, against £2.3m. Turnover for 1973 included £397,000 from H. Incledon & Co. which has since ceased trading.

'Huntsman' brewer

Dorchester brewers Eldridge Pope, which sells draught beers under the brand name of Himtsman, again reports a record pre-tax profit up from £679,000 to £704,000 and the "net" slightly down from £384,000 to £362,000. The final dividend is raised from the convalent of 2.24p to 3.31p.

Business appointments

Promotions

at Allied **Breweries**

In year to August 31 profit £467,000 (£421,000) pre-tax out of turnover of £5.42m (£4.82m). Earmings 2.98p (2.95p) a share. NORTON & WRIGHT Mr Keith Showering Is to become deputy chairman and chairman-designate of Allied Breweries. Sir Gerald Thorley will retire as chairman and chief NORTON & WRIGHT
Interim taxable profit £186,000
(£150,000) from turnover up from
£51,000 to £692,000. Earnings
3.28p (2.86p) a share. Dividend
1.49p (1.42p).
DOM HOLDINCS executive next September. Mr Derrick Holden-Brown will become an executive vice-chairman, as will Mr Tom Boardman. Dr Bernard Kilkenny will become depoty chair man of Allied Breweries (UK) Interim profit £301,000 | £316,000)
pre-tax with earnings 1,979
(2.05p) a share. Directors bave
reduced stock levels, but intend to
keep reasonably high level to safecontinuing as a joint managing director of that company. Mr J. F. Main, chairman of the Europeao division of Rowntree Mackintosh, will become chairman of the export division in succession to Mr S. A. Free, who retires on January 20. Mr J. Nutter, chairman of the overseas division, will In half to September 30 turn-over £1.44m (£1.23m) and taxable

man of the overseas division, will become chairman of the European division and deputy chairman of the UK confectionery division on January 1. Mr I. Mackintosh, deputy chairman of the UK confectionery division, will become chairman of the overseas division. Mr D. Cramb will succeed Mr W. S. Porteous as chairman of the grocery division.

the grocery division.

Mr Les Carpenter, recently appointed chairman and chief executive of IPC (excluding the newspaper division) is also to be chairman of IPC Magazines. Mr Edward Pickering. IPC Magazines' former chairman, becomes chairman of IPC Newspapers. Mr Edward Court and Mr Ron Phillips become joint managing directors of IPC Magazines.

The following management the grocery division.

The following management appointments have been made by Prudential: Mr F. M. Simpson, assistant general manager; Mr S. C. Young, deputy group pen-sions manager; Mr J. W. Wickison, senior fire and accident

Mr A. R. C. B. Cooke has resigned from the Boards of Jessel Securities, Jessel Trust and the Loudon Aostralian and General Exploration Co. Mr David Beretta becomes chair-man and chief executive of Um-

Mr Daniel P. Reid has been nade senior vice-president and coeral manager of Trans World

Airlines.

Three appointments have been made to the board of Matthew Hall. They are: Mr A. R. Brown, managing director of Matthew Hall Mechanical Services: Mr C. D. Watson, managing director of Holliday Hall; and Mr P. L. Waite, who has rejoined the group and become wanaying director of Waite, who has rejoined the groop and become managing director of Matthew Hall Engineering. Mr D. E. Clancey has relinquished his position as managing director of Matthew Hall Engineering but remains chairman and chief executive of that subsidiary. Mr A. J. Littlewood, projects director is now deputy managing director of Matthew Hall Engineering.

Seven vice-presidents elected by
Amax Inc ioclude: Mr William
F. Distler. Mr W. Hollie Hopper,
Mr Everett C. Horne, Mr J.
Gordon McCullough, Mr Harry W.
Meyer, Mr Alexander SchmidtFeliner and Mr Michael Simeoo. Mr L. C. Hunting is the new chairman of the Hunting Group. He also takes over the chair of the two public companies within the group, Huoting Gibson and Hunting Associated Industries. He succeeds Mr C. P. M. Hunting.

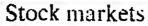
Mr D. M. Fowler has been made director of Johnson Group Cleaners.
Mr Michael Bonn has joined the board of North Atlantic Securities.

The following appointments have been made by Empire Stores (Bradford): Mr Raipb Scott. managing director; Mr Donald Hale, finance director; Mr Joho Simon, huying director. Mr C. 1. Wells remains executive chairman. Mr Sam Brostoff has retired as chairman of Fattorini & Sons and is succeeded by Mr John Gratwick. Mr A. J. H. Buckley, managing director of Slater, Walker Securities, has joined Rockware Group as a non-executive director.

as a non-executive director.

Mr Alan Ball has become the new planning director of the glass container division of United Glass.

Miss Jennifer Tanborn has been appointed to the oewly-created position of head of research and consumer affairs within the United Kingdom food distribution division of Booker McConnell.



Share rally fades

The disclusure of a record deficit on overseas trade in Nuvember put paid to a technical rally in the equity market yesterday. Share prices put up a brare performance at first, in the face of renewed pressure both on gilt-edged stucks and un the pound. The trade deficit was slightly below the City's was signify hellow the Chys
worst fears, but large enough
tu send shares in the major
overseas earners back towards
their overnight levels. The FT index, standing at 152,8 abend of the trade figures news, closed a new 0.4 down at 150.0 the lowest since Jone 16.

Gilts were down again, parricularly at the shurter end-But the losses were not as bad as night have been expected after the trade figures and may have reflected a feeling that the decline carlier in the week had discounted a large deficit. "Shorts" opened lower and fell back in the morning. Most stocks were | point down hefure the release of the trade figures, but dropped a further ar point after them. The continuing weakness of sterling

also unsettled sentiment. "Longs" were easier as well, but in quite active trading conditious husiness was occasionally two-way. Most stocks tended to open point lower, but bear-closing in the morning more than offser this and by lunchtione prices generally were point up. By the close, however, falls ranged up to

In after hours trading a slightly harder tone was dis-cerned, perhaps because of cerned, perhaps because of signs that the militants in the miners' union were losing ground to the moderates. As well as the trade figures,

equities were influenced by developments at the miners' union. But the chief factor behind the gentle rise of yesterday morning was undoubtedly technical. ICI, fioally unchanged on the day at 116p, looked firm at first hot dipped to 115p immediately following

the trade figures announce-ment. Similar fortunes left Beecham (110p) and Courtailds (65p) unchanged, and Unilever (158µ) a shade caster.

At 21p, Dunlop Holdings showed the effects of a bour of selling which followed reports that a chart analyst had marked them as a "sell". Newspaper shares were

marked down on the production troubles inside the industry. Thomsen Organisation fell by

4p to 41p.
But firm features included shares expected to benefit from the developments in southern Africa, with Turner & Newall a ood spot at 65p. For the rest of the United

Kingdom industrial share sectors, it was a day of small gains which gradually faced towards the etc of the state. Fresh speculation on a hid for Furness trially office use shares strongly, class of me speculators were quoting remarks made by a major Arab investor at the Lunrati meeting. where references were made to

companies.

Consumer stocks shared in the general furture Marks & Spencer dipped to 90p, and Boots to 90p. Turnover was light on these share pircues.

further investments in British

luterest in gold shares was reduced but with initian prices firm in London, there was sun-port for the South Arrican producers. Vaal Reefs at £281 were 50p up, and St Helena (560p) aim ended with minor (560p) aim ended with minor gains. Bank shares were easier. Properties saw little interest. Equity turbuver on December 11 mas 535.2m (11.546 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Cons Colificids, ICI. I no irro, Unilever, RTZ, Courtaulds, Reed Int. Cont. Co.

Smith Bros, the jobbers, will increase the range of their tex-

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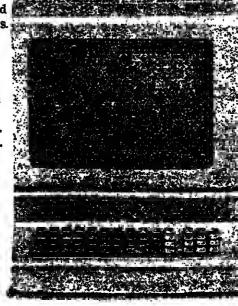
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Foreign Exchange

Fresh 'low' for sterling

Sterling was driven down to new "lows" in international currency trading yesteroay when a record British monthly trade deficit of £534m was re-ported for November. This added to anxiety over the economy.

The Bank of England's effectire sterling depreciation rate. measured against major curreneics, deteriorated to a new "low" of 21.9 per cent comof 21.9 per cent, compared with 21.4 per cent on Wednesday, Sterling dropped to 2,3075

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that dividend No. 1 of 9 cents a share, being a malden dividend for the year ending 31st Oecemper, 1974, has been declared pays is to members registered in the 9 coke of the company at the close of business on 27th December, 1974. bers registered in the 900ks of the company at the close of business on 27th December, 1974. The transfer registers and registers of members will be closed from 28th December, 1974 to 10th January, 1975, both dovs inclusive, and warrents will be posted from 19th December, 1974 to 10th January, 1975, both dovs inclusive, and warrents will be posted from the Johannesburg and United Kingdom offices of the transfer secretariss on or about 6th February, 1975. Registered members paid from the United Kingdom currancy squavalant on 28th January, 1975 of the tand value of their dividents [less approprials [assa]. Any such members may however albot to be paid in South African currency ployaided that the request is received at the offices of the transfer secretaries in Johannesburg or in the United Kingdom on or before 27th December, 1974.

The effective ralls of non-resident Anarsholders tax is 15 per cent.

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against the dollar, to show a fall nf 95 points on the day, It also weakened in forward markets. but the dollar itself was under some pressure in Europe at

times during the session. The Bank of England was felt to have given further support to the pound, particularly in the atternoon session at the time of publication of the United Kingdom trade figures. Earlier. trading around the pound had been slightly ealmer, with some commercial demand for the

Some Landon dealers believe the British monetary authorities are now mounting an effort to sharply drive up short-term onuresident sterling interest rares, to obtain a retersal of some of . the speculative positions against the pound emerging this week. Some short term Eurosterling deposit interest rates are already nearing 30 per cent,

dealers noted. However, there was some disagreement about the longer-term direction of British interest rates, following renewed

pressure on sterling. While some quarters were confidently predicting that the

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Wall Street

New York, Dec 12.—Wall Street prices moved lower early today in moderately active trading. At 11 am the Dow Jones Industrial average was 0.62 down at 594.73 after dropping 3.67 at one stage. The first-hour turnover amounted to about 3,600,000 shares, com-

pared with 3,840,000 traded during the same period on Wednesday.

The United States Government

Bank of England's minimum lending rate will be hoisted

sharply today from its current

11.5 per cent, elsewhere it was

believed that the United King-

dom authorities might wish to

limit any upward movement in interest rates at present, par-ticularly with international interest levels in the United

States and Europe on a down-

Discount market

Gnld rose by \$1.75 an ounce

The London money market was

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Bearing out the forecast made in April, Southwaal has declared

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the revenue accruing from pro-duction on the Vaal Reefs South

lease area. But dominating the situation are the future espital

At Vaal Reefs a final of 120c

has been declared, which, with the interim of 100c, raises the total for the year to 220c (115c).

Western Deeps is raising its final from 70c to 90c a share and the totals from 1221c to

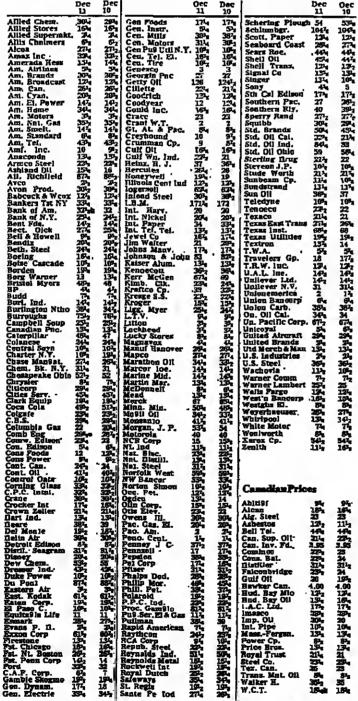
160c with some of the dividend potential having been reduced by the labour disturbances

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The United States Government the wholesale price index rose 1.2 per cent but noted the 0.9 per cent rise in commodities was the slowest since. September, 1973. That apparently was the sign President Ford referred to 10 a speech Wednesday night that there were indications inflation had eased. inflation had eased. Yesterday the Dow Jones indus-trial average clused up 1.48 at



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Sugar futures gain up to £18 after heavy losses

Wide price swings were seen in London SUGAR futures yesterday before closing 14 to 118 a loog ton dearer. The daily price was reduced another £20 to £440 a ton. Futures held at Wednesday's limit down levels for most of the morning apart from some light buying loterest around midsession which cleared the small selling pools and saw prices tem-porarily move above the lows. But there was no follow through interest and by the end of the early cossion March to October were uninterest and by the child of the early session March to October were un-changed at limit down and distant positions £1 higher to £8 below Wednesday's 17.00 hours levels. Meanwhile the Paris Commer-cial Court ruled that the difference between the settlement price fixed under Article 22 and the closing

very nervous throughout, awaiting the November trade figures which were expected to be the which were expected to be the worst ever and not due to be released until the end of the day. Nevertheless, the pointers were to a flat overall state of were to a flat overall state of credit, an discount houses were inclined to stand hack whan rates were initially asked in the it to ill per cent area.

Though there was some "calling", money was making an appearance as the morning wore on, and funchame found houses able to pull halances at 8 or 9 per cent. During the early part prices for December 2 must be blocked with the Caisse de Liquidatiun, M Gerard Bauche, the president of the Caisse told Renters. He said this reoresents around 200m francs (£18.7m) bearing the legal interest rate of 6 per cent. legal interest rate of 6 per cent.
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But Mr C. S. Barlow points the total for the year from 50c to 85c, but the longer term depends both upon the future of the bullion price and upon the success of the drilling prothe group is to remain oriented towards growth, a high degree of cash retention will be required. In addition, to further financing of the traditional activities, large sums will be required in future for the expan-The dying East Daggafontein has reduced its final to 10c, compared with an interim paysion of the coal, chrome, steel ment of 15c. and B total declaraand television divisions. Globe & Phoenix: Pre-tax protion last year of 40c. Future payments are subject to the

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The 42 producer members of the

The 42 producer members of the international Coffee Agreement (ICA) agreed that a new pact must contain price guarantees with provision for automatic and periodic re-adjustment. Sennr Faosto Cantu Pena, the chairman of the coffee producers group said in Londom. Sennr Cantu, who is also president of the Mexican Coffee Institute, said the producers do not regard this as a pre-condition to talks on a new ICA. But he said they believe the price issue should be tackled first to enable meaningful discussions to conduce.

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Referring to the Sauves Cemirales SA venture. Senor Caniu said this will be set up, with the company's seat probably in Venezuela. And on the producers 1973-74 retention programme he said the producers have stocked 86 per cent of the 5.5m bag target under the scheme.

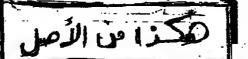
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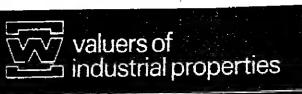
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stock the advertised brands. Leading maoufacturers and distributors offer further backing in terms of practical assistance and advice on the display of watches. The trend is towards a more brash approach. Among retail jewellers who stock popular makes of watch and compete with supermarkets and chain stores, there is growing interest in hard selling methods. Mr Tony West has put over the new concepts clearly in the Watchmaker, Jeweller & Silversmith.

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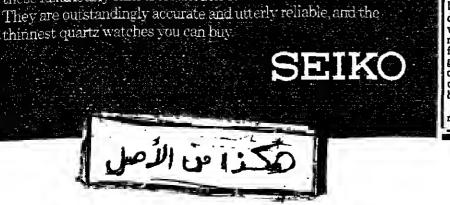
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Sheila Black on design and fashion, and (below) on Christmas gifts

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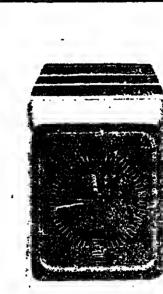
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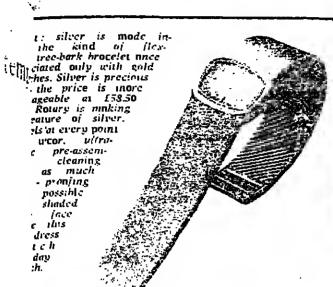
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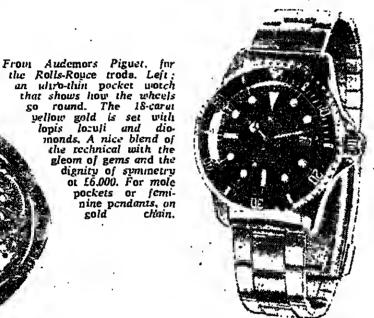


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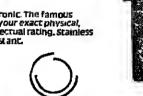
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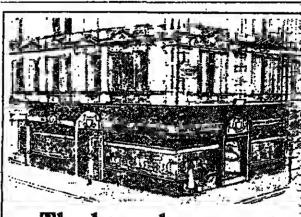
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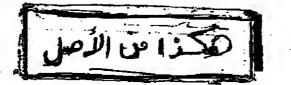
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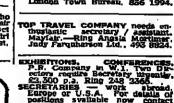
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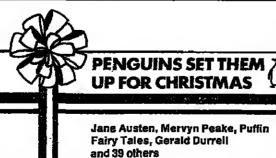
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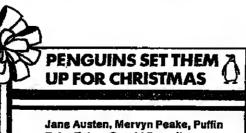
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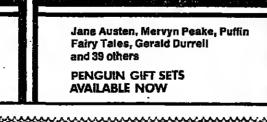
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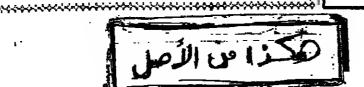
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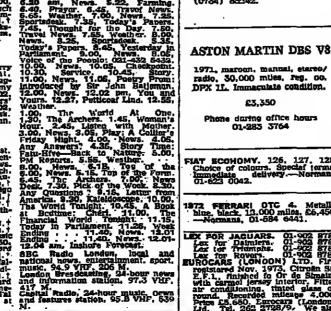




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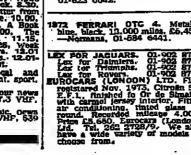
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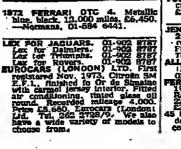
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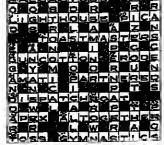
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